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FOR THOSE WHOSE PRIVILEGE  
IT MAY BE TO ACQUIRE A KNOWLEDGE OF  
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THIS VOLUME HAS BEEN WRITTEN  
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OF CORRECT REASONING THE MORE  
BECAUSE OF THE LOGIC OF  
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## PREFACE

THIS New Plane Geometry is not only the outgrowth of the author's long experience in teaching geometry, but has profited further by suggestions from teachers who have used Robbins's "Plane Geometry" and by many of the recommendations of the "National Committee of Fifteen." While many new and valuable features have been added in the reconstruction, yet all the characteristics that met with widespread favor in the old book have been retained.

Among the features of the book that make it sound and teachable may be mentioned the following:

1. The book has been written for the pupil. The objects sought in the study of Geometry are (1) to train the mind to accept only those statements as truth for which convincing reasons can be provided, and (2) to cultivate a foresight that will appreciate both the purpose in making a statement and the process of reasoning by which the ultimate truth is established. Thus, the study of this formal science should develop in the pupil the ability to pursue argument coherently, and to establish geometric truths in logical order. To meet the requirements of the various degrees of intellectual capacity and maturity in every class, the reason for every statement is not printed in full but is indicated by a reference. The pupil who knows the reason need not consult the paragraph cited; while the pupil who does not know it may learn it by the reference. It is obvious that the greater progress an individual makes in assimilating the subject and in entering into its spirit, the less need there will be for the printed reference.

2. Every effort has been made to stimulate the mental activity of the pupil. To compel a young student, however, to supply his

own demonstrations frequently proves unprofitable as well as arduous, and engenders in the learner a distaste for a study in which he might otherwise take delight. This text does not aim to produce accomplished geometricians at the completion of the first book, but to aid the learner in his progress throughout the volume, wherever experience has shown that he is likely to require assistance. It is designed, under good instruction, to develop a clear conception of the geometric idea, and to produce at the end of the course a rational individual and a friend of this particular science.

3. The theorems and their demonstrations—the real subject-matter of Geometry—are introduced as early in the study as possible.

4. The simple fundamental truths are explained instead of being formally demonstrated.

5. The original exercises are distinguished by their abundance, their practical bearings upon the affairs of life, their careful gradation and classification, and their independence. Every exercise can be solved or demonstrated without the use of any other exercise. Only the truths in the numbered paragraphs are necessary in working originals.

6. The exercises are introduced as near as practicable to the theorems to which they apply.

7. Emphasis is given to the discussion of original constructions.

8. The summaries will be found a valuable aid in reviews.

9. The historical notes give the pupil a knowledge of the development of the science of geometry and add interest to the study.

10. The attractive open page will appeal alike to pupils and to teachers.

The author sincerely desires to extend his thanks to those friends and fellow teachers who, by suggestion and encouragement, have inspired him in the preparation of these pages.

EDWARD R. ROBBINS.

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# PLANE GEOMETRY

## INTRODUCTION

1. **Geometry** is a science which treats of the measurement of magnitudes.

2. A **point** is that which has position but not magnitude.

3. A **line** is that which has length but no other magnitude.

4. A **straight line** is a line which is determined (fixed in position) by *any* two of its points. That is, two lines that coincide entirely, if they coincide at *any* two points, are straight lines.

5. A **rectilinear figure** is a figure containing straight lines and no others.

6. A **surface** is that which has length and breadth but no other magnitude.

7. A **plane** is a surface in which if any two points are taken, the straight line connecting them lies wholly in that surface.

8. **Plane Geometry** is a science which treats of the properties of magnitudes in a plane.

9. A **solid** is that which has length, breadth, and thickness. A solid is that which occupies space.

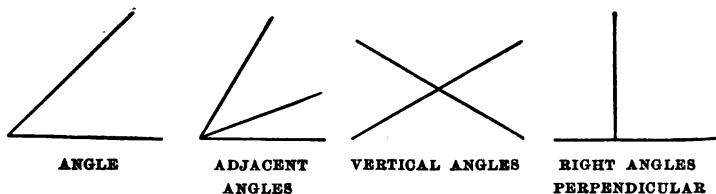
10. **Boundaries.** The boundaries (or boundary) of a solid are surfaces. The boundaries (or boundary) of a surface

are lines. The boundaries of a line are points. These boundaries can be no part of the things they limit. A surface is no part of a solid; a line is no part of a surface; a point is no part of a line.

**11. Motion.** If a point moves, its path is a line. Hence, if a point moves, it generates (describes or traces) a line; if a line moves (except upon itself), it generates a surface; if a surface moves (except upon itself), it generates a solid.

**NOTE.** Unless otherwise specified the word "line" means *straight line*.

### ANGLES



**12. A plane angle** is the amount of divergence of two straight lines that meet. The lines are called the **sides** of the angle. The **vertex** of an angle is the point at which the lines meet.

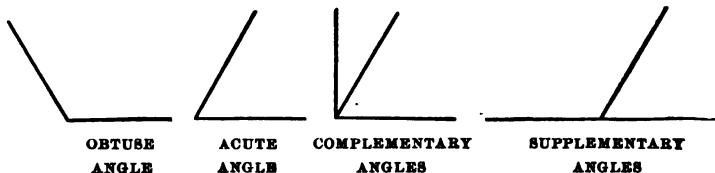
**13. Adjacent angles** are two angles that have the same vertex and a common side *between them*.

**14. Vertical angles** are two angles that have the same vertex, the sides of one being prolongations of the sides of the other.

**15.** If one straight line meets another and makes the adjacent angles equal, the angles are **right angles**.

**16.** One line is **perpendicular** to another if they meet at right angles. Either line is perpendicular to the other. The point at which the lines meet is the **foot** of the perpendicular. **Oblique lines** are lines that meet but are not perpendicular.

17. A **straight angle** is an angle whose sides lie in the same straight line, but extend in opposite directions from the vertex.



18. An **obtuse angle** is an angle that is greater than a right angle. An **acute angle** is an angle that is less than a right angle. An **oblique angle** is any angle that is not a right angle.

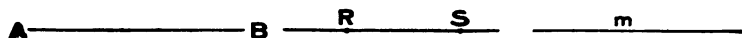
19. Two angles are **complementary** if their sum is equal to *one* right angle. Two angles are **supplementary** if their sum is equal to *two* right angles. Thus, the complement of an angle is the difference between one right angle and the given angle. The supplement of an angle is the difference between two right angles and the given angle.

20. A **degree** is one ninetieth of a right angle. The degree is the familiar unit used in measuring angles. It is evident that there are  $90^\circ$  in a right angle;  $180^\circ$  in two right angles, or a straight angle;  $360^\circ$  in four right angles.

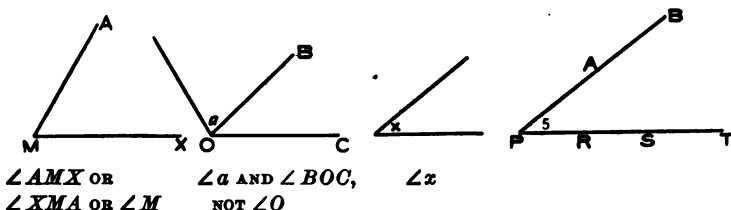
There are 60 minutes ( $60'$ ) in one degree, and 60 seconds ( $60''$ ) in one minute.

21. **Parallel lines** are straight lines that lie in the same plane and that never meet, however far they are extended in either direction.

22. **Notation.** A point is usually denoted by a capital letter, placed near it. A line is denoted by two capital letters, placed one at each end, or one at each of two of its points. Its length is sometimes represented advantageously by a small letter written near it. Thus, the line  $AB$ ; the line  $RS$ ; the line  $m$ .



There are various ways of naming angles. Sometimes three capital letters are used, one on each side of the angle and one at the vertex; sometimes a small letter or a figure is placed within the angle. The symbol for angle is  $\angle$ .



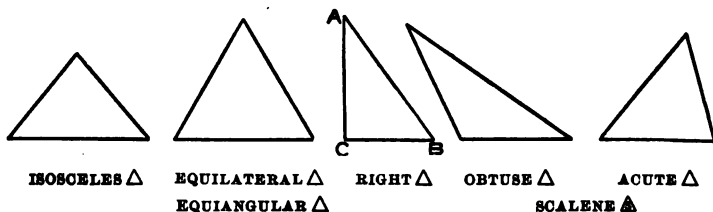
In naming an angle by the use of three letters, the vertex letter is always placed between the others. Thus the  $\Delta$  above are  $\angle AMX$  or  $\angle XMA$ ,  $\angle a$ ,  $\angle BOC$ ,  $\angle x$ ,  $\angle APR$ ,  $\angle APS$ ,  $\angle BPR$ ,  $\angle TPB$ ,  $\angle 5$ , etc.

In the above figure  $\angle x = \angle 5$ . The size of an angle depends on the amount of divergence between its sides, and not upon their length.

An angle is said to be **included** by its sides. An angle is **bisected** by a line drawn through the vertex and dividing the angle into two equal angles.

### TRIANGLES

**23.** A **triangle** is a portion of a plane bounded by three straight lines. These lines are the **sides**. The **vertices** of a triangle are the three points at which the sides intersect. The **angles** of a triangle are the three angles at the three vertices. Each side of a triangle has two angles adjoining it. The symbol for triangle is  $\Delta$ .





The **base** of a triangle is the side on which the figure appears to stand. The **vertex** of a triangle is the vertex opposite the base. The **vertex angle** is the angle opposite the base.

#### 24. Kinds of triangles :

A **scalene triangle** is a triangle **no two sides** of which are equal.

An **isosceles triangle** is a triangle **two sides** of which are equal.

An **equilateral triangle** is a triangle **all sides** of which are equal.

A **right triangle** is a triangle **one angle** of which is a right angle.

An **obtuse triangle** is a triangle **one angle** of which is an obtuse angle.

An **acute triangle** is a triangle **all angles** of which are acute angles.

An **equiangular triangle** is a triangle **all angles** of which are equal.

25. The **hypotenuse** of a right triangle is the side opposite the right angle. The sides forming the right angle are called **legs**.

### CONGRUENCE

26. Two geometric figures are said to be **equal** if they have the same size or magnitude.

Two geometric figures are said to be **congruent** if, when one is superposed upon the other, they coincide in all respects.

The corresponding parts of congruent figures are equal, and are called **homologous parts**.

#### 27. Homologous parts of congruent figures are equal.

If the triangles  $DEF$  and  $HIJ$  are congruent,

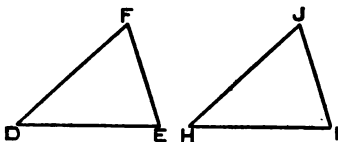
$\angle D$  is homologous to and  $=$  to  $\angle H$ ;

$DE$  is homologous to and  $=$  to  $HI$ ;

$\angle E$  is homologous to and  $=$  to  $\angle I$ ;

$EF$  is homologous to and  $=$  to  $IJ$ .

NOTE. **Congruent figures** have the same shape as well as the same size, whereas **equal figures** do not necessarily have the same shape.



**Ex. 1.** What is the complement of an angle of  $35^\circ$ ?  $48^\circ$ ?  $80^\circ$ ?  $75^\circ 50'$ ?  $8^\circ 20'$ ?

**Ex. 2.** What is the supplement of an angle of  $100^\circ$ ?  $50^\circ$ ?  $148^\circ$ ?  $121^\circ 30'$ ?  $10^\circ 40'$ ?

**28. A curve or curved line**, is a line no part of which is straight.

A **circle** is a plane curve all points of which are equally distant from a point in the plane, called the **center**.

An **arc** is any part of a circle.

A **radius** is a straight line from the center to any point of the circle.

A **diameter** is a straight line containing the center and having its extremities in the circle.

The length of the circle is called the **circumference**.

**29. Symbols.** The usual symbols and abbreviations employed in geometry are the following :

+ plus.	○ circle.	Ax.	axiom.
- minus.	⊙ circles.	Hyp.	hypothesis.
= equals, is equal to,	∠ angle.	comp.	complementary.
equal.	∠ angles.	supp.	supplementary.
≠ does not equal.	rt. ∠ right angle.	Const.	construction.
≅ congruent, or is congruent to.	rt. ∠ right angles.	Cor.	corollary.
> is greater than.	△ triangle.	st.	straight.
< is less than.	▲ triangles.	rt.	right.
∴ hence, therefore,	rt. ▲ right triangles.	Def.	definition.
consequently.	∥ parallel.	alt.	alternate.
⊥ perpendicular.	∥s parallels.	int.	interior.
⊥ perpendiculars.	▭ parallelogram.	ext.	exterior.
	▭ parallelograms.		

### AXIOM, POSTULATE, AND THEOREM

**30. An axiom** is a statement admitted without proof to be true. It is a truth, received and assented to immediately.

#### 31. AXIOMS.

1. Magnitudes that are equal to the same thing, or to equals, are equal to each other.

2. If equals are added to, or subtracted from, equals, the results are equal.

3. If equals are multiplied by, or divided by, equals, the results are equal.

[Doubles of equals are equal; halves of equals are equal.]

4. The whole is equal to the sum of all of its parts.

5. The whole is greater than any of its parts.

6. A magnitude may be displaced by its equal in any process.  
[Briefly called "substitution."]

7. If equals are added to, or subtracted from, unequals, the results are unequal in the same order.

8. If unequals are added to unequals in the same order, the results are unequal in that order.

9. If unequals are subtracted from equals, the results are unequal in the opposite order.

10. Doubles or halves of unequals are unequal in the same order. Also, unequals multiplied by equals are unequal in the same order.

11. If the first of three magnitudes is greater than the second, and the second is greater than the third, the first is greater than the third.

12. A straight line is the shortest line that can be drawn between two points.

13. Only one line can be drawn through a point parallel to a given line.

14. A geometrical figure may be moved from one position to another without any change in form or magnitude.

32. A postulate is something required to be done, the possibility of which is admitted without proof.

### 33. POSTULATES.

1. It is possible to draw a straight line from any point to any other point.

2. It is possible to extend (prolong or produce) a straight line indefinitely, or to terminate it at any point.

**34.** A geometric **proof** or **demonstration** is a logical course of reasoning by which a truth becomes evident.

**35.** A **theorem** is a statement that requires proof.

In the case of the preliminary theorems which follow, the proof is very simple; but as these theorems are not admitted without proof they cannot be classified with the axioms.

A **corollary** is a truth immediately evident, or readily established from some other truth or truths.

A **proposition**, in geometry, is the statement of a theorem to be proved or a problem to be solved.

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**Ex. 1.** Draw an  $\angle ABC$ . In  $\angle ABC$  draw line  $BD$ .

What does  $\angle ABD + \angle DBC$  equal?

What does  $\angle ABC - \angle ABD$  equal?

**Ex. 2.** In a rt.  $\angle ABC$  draw line  $BD$ .

If  $\angle ABD = 25^\circ$ , how many degrees are there in  $\angle DBC$ ?

How many degrees are there in the complement of an angle of  $38^\circ$ ?

How many degrees are there in the supplement?

**Ex. 3.** Draw a straight line  $AB$  and take a point  $X$  on it.

What line does  $AX + BX$  equal?

What line does  $AB - BX$  equal?

**Ex. 4.** Draw a straight line  $AB$  and prolong it to  $X$  so that  $BX = AB$ . Prolong it so that  $AB = AX$ .

**Historical Note.** Probably as early as 3000 B.C. the Egyptians had some knowledge of geometric truths. The construction of the great pyramids required an acquaintance with the relations of geometry. This knowledge, however vague it may have been, was, according to Herodotus, employed in determining the amount of land washed away by the river Nile, during the reign of Rameses II (1400 B.C.).

The Greeks, however, were the first to study geometry as a logical science. They enunciated theorems and demonstrated them, they propounded problems and solved them as early as 300 B.C., and, in a crude way, two or three centuries earlier. To them belongs the credit of establishing a logical system of geometry that has survived, practically unchanged, for twenty centuries.

### EXERCISES EMPLOYING THE TWO INSTRUMENTS OF GEOMETRY

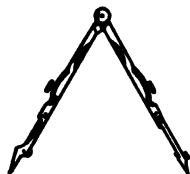
Aside from pencil and paper, the only instruments necessary for the construction of geometrical diagrams are the ruler and the compasses.

**Ex. 1.** It is required to draw an equilateral triangle upon a given line as base.

Suppose  $AB$  is the given base.

Required to draw an equilateral  $\Delta$  upon it.

Using  $A$  as a center and  $AB$  as a radius, draw an arc. Using  $B$  as a center and  $AB$  as a radius, draw another arc cutting the first one at  $C$ . Draw  $AC$  and  $BC$ . The  $\Delta ABC$  is an equilateral  $\Delta$ , and  $AB$  is its base.

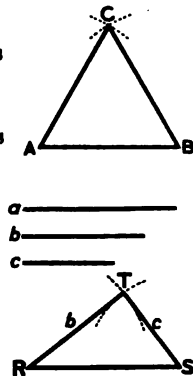


**Ex. 2.** It is required to draw a triangle having its three sides each equal to a given line.

Suppose the three given lines are  $a, b, c$ .

Required to draw a  $\Delta$  having for its sides lines equal to  $a, b, c$ , respectively.

Draw a line  $RS =$  to  $a$ . Using  $R$  as a center and  $b$  as a radius, draw an arc. Using  $S$  as a center and  $c$  as a radius, draw another arc cutting the first arc at  $T$ . Draw straight lines  $RT$  and  $ST$ .  $\Delta RST$  is the  $\Delta$  whose three sides are equal to the lines  $a, b, c$ , respectively.



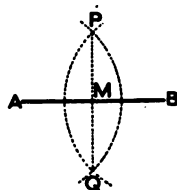
**Ex. 3.** It is required to find the midpoint of a given straight line.

Given the straight line  $AB$ .

Required to find its midpoint.

Using  $A$  and  $B$  as centers and a radius sufficiently long, draw two arcs, intersecting at  $P$  and  $Q$ .

Draw the straight line  $PQ$  cutting  $AB$  at  $M$ . Point  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ .

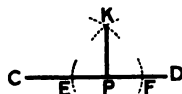


**Ex. 4.** It is required to draw a perpendicular to a line from a point within the line.

Given the line  $CD$  and point  $P$  in it.

Required to construct a  $\perp$  to  $CD$ , at  $P$ .

Using  $P$  as center and any radius, draw two arcs cutting  $CD$  at  $E$  and  $F$ . Now using  $E$  and  $F$  as centers and a radius greater than before, draw two arcs intersecting at  $K$ . Draw  $KP$ . This line  $KP$  is  $\perp$  to  $CD$  at  $P$ .

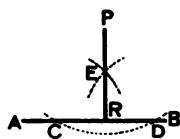


**Ex. 5.** It is required to draw a perpendicular to a line from a point without the line.

Given line  $AB$  and point  $P$ , without it.

Required to draw a  $\perp$  to  $AB$  from  $P$ .

Using  $P$  as center and a sufficient radius, draw an arc cutting  $AB$  at  $C$  and  $D$ . Now using  $C$  and  $D$  as centers and a sufficient radius, draw two arcs intersecting at  $E$ . Draw  $PE$ , meeting  $AB$  at  $R$ .  $PR$  is the required  $\perp$  to  $AB$  from  $P$ .



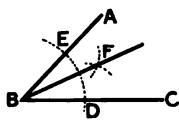
**Ex. 6.** It is required to bisect a given angle.

Given the  $\angle ABC$ .

Required to bisect it.

Using vertex  $B$  as a center and any radius, draw arc  $DE$  cutting  $BC$  at  $D$  and  $BA$  at  $E$ .

Using  $D$  and  $E$  as centers and a sufficient radius, draw arcs intersecting at  $F$ . Draw straight line  $BF$ .  $BF$  bisects the  $\angle ABC$ .



**Ex. 7.** It is required to construct, at a given point on a given line, an angle equal to a given angle.

Given line  $DE$ , point  $D$  in it, and  $\angle B$ .

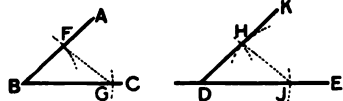
Required to construct an  $\angle$  at  $D$ , equal to  $\angle B$ .

Using  $B$  as a center and with any two distances as radii, draw an arc cutting  $AB$  at  $F$  and another cutting  $BC$  at  $G$ .

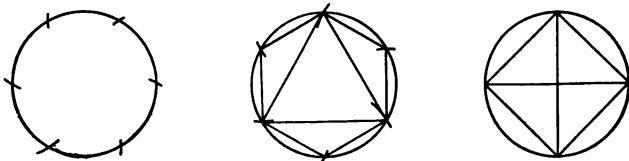
Using  $D$  as a center and the same radii as before, draw one arc, and another arc cutting  $DE$  at  $J$ .

Draw the straight line  $FG$ . Using  $J$  as a center and  $FG$  as a radius, draw an arc cutting a former arc at  $H$ . Draw the straight lines  $HJ$  and  $DHK$ .

Now the  $\angle KDE = \angle B$ .

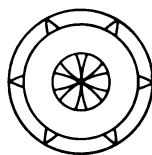
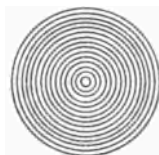
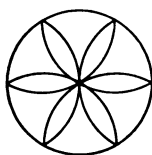


**Ex. 8.** By the use of ruler and compasses, draw the following figures:

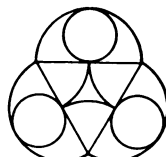
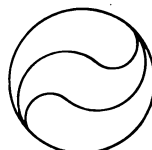
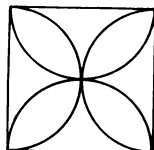
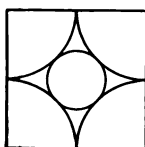


**Ex. 9.** Does it make any difference in these exercises, which lines are drawn first? In Ex. 7 and Ex. 8 explain the order of the lines drawn.

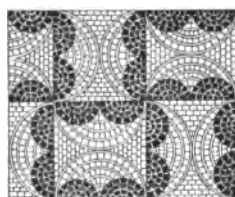
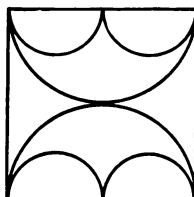
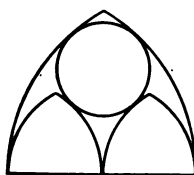
**Ex. 10.** Using the compasses only, draw the following figures:

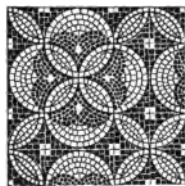
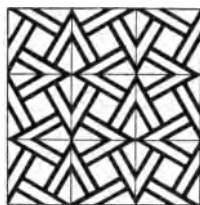


**Ex. 11.** Draw the following figures:

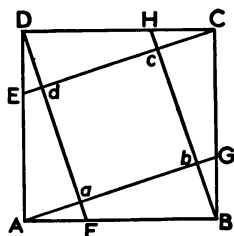


**Ex. 12.** Draw the first of each of these three pairs of figures.  
Can you explain the construction of the second figure in each pair?

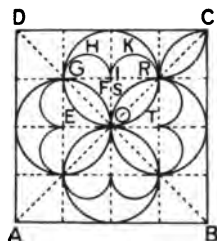




In this figure,  $ABCD$  is a square. On the sides are measured the equal distances  $AE$  and  $BF$ , and  $CG$  and  $DH$ ; then the lines  $AG$ ,  $BH$ ,  $CE$ , and  $DF$ , are drawn intersecting at  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ . The figure  $abcd$  is also a square. This figure is the basis of an Arabic design used for parquet floors, etc.

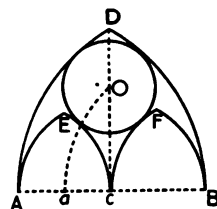


In this figure, which is the basis of a mosaic floor design, the radii of all complete circles equal one fourth of the side of the square  $ABCD$ . The radii of the semicircles  $GHI$ ,  $IKR$ , etc., equal one eighth of the side of the square.



In this figure  $ABD$  is an equilateral arch, and  $CD$  is its altitude. The several centers used are  $A$ , of arc  $BD$  and arc  $CE$ ;  $B$ , of arc  $AD$  and  $CF$ ;  $C$ , of arcs  $AE$  and  $BF$ .

This figure is the basis of a common Gothic window design.



NOTE. The letters "Q.E.D." are often annexed at the end of a demonstration and stand for "*quod erat demonstrandum*," which means, "which was to be proved."



## BOOK I

### ANGLES, LINES, RECTILINEAR FIGURES

#### PRELIMINARY THEOREMS

**36. A right angle is equal to half a straight angle.**

Because of the definition of a right angle. (15.)

**37. A straight angle is equal to two right angles.** (36.)

**38. Two straight lines can intersect in only one point.**

Because they would coincide entirely if they had two common points. (4.)

**39. Only one straight line can be drawn between two points.**  
(4.)

**40. A definite (limited or finite) straight line can have only one midpoint.**

Because the halves of a line are equal.

**41. All straight angles are equal.**

Because they can be made to coincide. (26.)

**42. All right angles are equal.**

They are halves of straight angles. (36.)  
 $\therefore$  they are equal. (Ax. 3.)

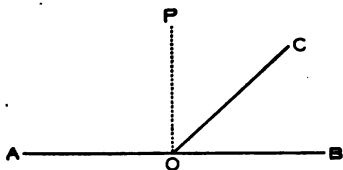
**43. Only one perpendicular to a line can be drawn from a point in the line.**

These right angles would not be equal if there were two perpendiculars. (42.)

**44. If two adjacent angles have their exterior sides in a straight line, they are supplementary.**

Because they together equal two rt.  $\angle$ s. (19.)

**45. If two adjacent angles are supplementary, their exterior sides are in the same straight line.**

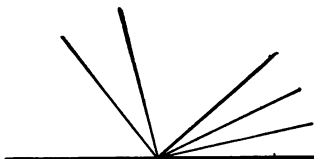


Because their sum is two rt.  $\angle$ s (19) ; or a straight  $\angle$  (37). Hence the exterior sides are in the same straight line (17).

**46. The sum of all the angles on one side of a straight line at a point equals two right angles.**

(Ax. 4 and 37.)

**47. The sum of all the angles about a point in a plane is equal to four right angles.** (46.)



**48. Angles that have the same complement are equal. Or, complements of the same angle, or of equal angles, are equal.**

Because equal angles subtracted from equal right angles leave equal angles. (Ax. 2.)

**49. Angles that have the same supplement are equal. Or, supplements of the same angle, or of equal angles, are equal.**

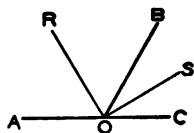
(Ax. 2.)

**50. If two angles are equal and supplementary, they are right angles.**

Each is half a straight  $\angle$  ;  $\therefore$  each is a rt.  $\angle$ . (36.)

**NOTE.** A reference number usually indicates only the statement in full face type in the section referred to. In giving demonstrations the pupil should quote the correct reason for each statement.

**Ex.** The bisectors of two supplementary adjacent angles are perpendicular to each other.

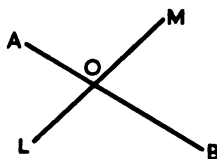


THEOREMS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

PROPOSITION I. THEOREM

51. If two straight lines intersect, the vertical angles are equal.

Given: Lines  $AB$  and  $LM$  intersecting at  $O$ ,  $\angle AOM$  and  $BOL$ , a pair of vertical  $\angle$ .



To Prove:  $\angle AOM = \angle BOL$ .

Proof:  $\angle AOM$  and  $MOB$  are supplementary (44).

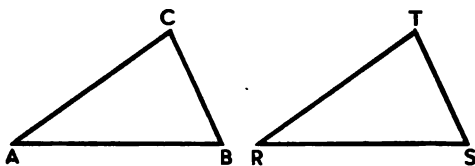
$\angle MOB$  and  $BOL$  are supplementary (44).

$\therefore \angle AOM = \angle BOL$ . (49.)

Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION II. THEOREM

52. Two triangles are congruent if two sides and the included angle of one are equal respectively to two sides and the included angle of the other.



Given:  $\triangle ABC$  and  $RST$ ;  $AB = RS$ ;  $AC = RT$ ;  $\angle A = \angle R$ .

To Prove:  $\triangle ABC$  is congruent to  $\triangle RST$ .

Proof: Place the  $\triangle ABC$  upon the  $\triangle RST$  so that  $\angle A$  coincides with its equal  $\angle R$ .

$AB$  falls upon  $RS$  and point  $B$  upon  $S$  ( $AB = RS$ ).

$AC$  falls upon  $RT$  and point  $C$  upon  $T$  ( $AC = RT$ ).

$\therefore BC$  coincides with  $ST$  (39).

$\therefore$  the  $\triangle$  coincide and are congruent (26).

Q.E.D.

**53. COROLLARY.** Two right triangles are congruent if two legs of one are equal respectively to two legs of the other.

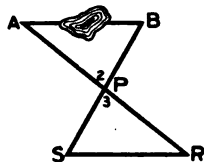
This is a corollary following immediately from 52.

**Ex. 1.** If two triangles have two sides of one equal to two sides of the other, are the triangles necessarily congruent?

**Ex. 2.** Illustrate your answer to Ex. 1 by drawing two triangles.

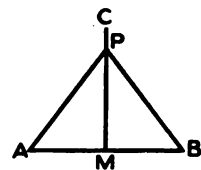
**Ex. 3.** Find the distance  $AB$  if there is an obstruction between  $A$  and  $B$ .

*Method.* Take a convenient point  $P$ , from which  $A$  and  $B$  are accessible. Measure  $AP$  and in same straight line mark point  $R$  such that  $PR = AP$ . Similarly find point  $S$ . Show that the two  $\triangle ABP$  and  $SRP$  are congruent, therefore the length of  $AB$  may be found by measuring  $RS$ .

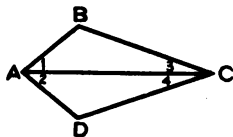


**Ex. 4.** Prove that a point,  $P$ , in the perpendicular bisector  $MC$  of a line  $AB$  is equally distant from the ends of the line  $AB$ .

(Show that the  $\triangle AMP$  and  $BMP$  are congruent, (1) by using 52; and (2) by using 53.)



**Ex. 5.** If the line  $AC$  bisects  $\angle BAD$ , and  $BA = AD$ , prove that the triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$  are congruent, the line  $AC$  bisects  $\angle BCD$ , and  $BC$  equals  $CD$ .



**Ex. 6.** Prove that if a line from a vertex of a triangle perpendicular to the opposite side bisects that side, the triangle is isosceles.

**Ex. 7.** Draw two angles that are adjacent and not supplementary; adjacent and not complementary.

**Ex. 8.** Of two unequal angles which has the greater supplement?

**Ex. 9.** The complement of a certain angle added to the supplement of the same angle is  $176^\circ$ . Find the angle.

**Ex. 10.** What angle added to one fifth of its supplement equals a right angle?

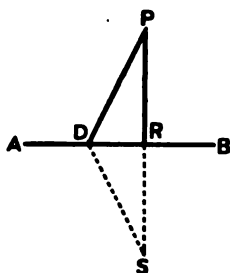
**Ex. 11.** In the figure of 51, if  $\angle AOM$  is  $100^\circ$ , how many degrees are there in each of the other angles at  $O$ ?

PROPOSITION III. THEOREM

54. Only one perpendicular can be drawn to a line from an external point.

Given:  $PR \perp$  to  $AB$  from  $P$ , and  $PD$  any other line from  $P$  to  $AB$ .

To Prove:  $PD$  is not  $\perp$  to  $AB$ ; that is,  $PR$  is the only  $\perp$  from  $P$  to  $AB$ .



Proof: 1. Extend  $PR$  to  $S$  making  $RS =$  to  $PR$ .

2. Draw  $DS$ .

3. In rt.  $\triangle PDR$  and  $SDR$ ,

$$PR = RS.$$

4.  $DR = DR$ .

5.  $\therefore \triangle PDR$  is congruent to  $\triangle SDR$ .

6.  $\therefore \angle PDR = \angle SDR$ .

7. That is,  $\angle PDR =$  half of  $\angle PDS$ .

8. Now line  $PRS$  is a st. line.

9.  $\therefore$  line  $PDS$  is *not* a st. line.

10.  $\therefore \angle PDR$ , half of  $\angle PDS$ , is *not* a rt.  $\angle$ .

11.  $\therefore PD$  is *not*  $\perp$  to  $AB$ .

That is,  $PR$  is the only  $\perp$  from  $P$  to  $AB$ .

Q.E.D.

3. Construction.

4. Identical.

5. Quote 53.

6. Quote 27.

8. Construction.

9. Quote 39.

10. Quote 36.

11. Quote 16.

The preceding form of demonstration will serve to illustrate an excellent plan of writing the proofs. It will be observed that the *statements* appear at the left of the page and their *reasons* at the right. This arrangement will be found of great value in the saving of time, both for the pupil who writes the proofs and for the teacher who reads them.

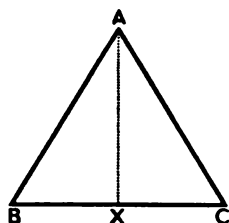
**Historical Note.** The proof of the following theorem as given in the fifth proposition of Euclid's "The Elements," the most famous geometry that was ever written, was considered by the beginners as presenting great difficulties. The theorem was therefore called by the ancient teachers, the *pons asinorum*, or the bridge of the asses. Euclid discussed only magnitudes, not their numerical measures. Another note (p. 45) will tell more of the author of this renowned book.

## PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM

55. The angles opposite the equal sides of an isosceles triangle are equal.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $AB = AC$ .

To Prove:  $\angle B = \angle C$ .



Proof: Suppose  $AX$  is drawn dividing  $\angle BAC$  into two equal  $\angle$ s and meeting  $BC$  at  $X$ . In the  $\triangle ABX$  and  $ACX$ ,

$AX = AX$  (Identical).

$AB = AC$  (Given).

$\angle BAX = \angle CAX$  (Const.).

$\therefore \triangle ABX$  is congruent to  $\triangle ACX$  (52).

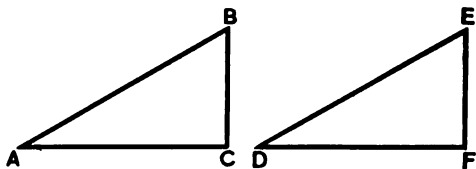
$\therefore \angle B = \angle C$  (27).

Q. E. D.

56. COROLLARY. An equilateral triangle is equiangular.

## PROPOSITION V. THEOREM

57. Two right triangles are congruent if the hypotenuse and an adjoining angle of one are equal respectively to the hypotenuse and an adjoining angle of the other.



Given: Rt.  $\triangle ABC$  and  $DEF$ ;  $AB = DE$ ; and  $\angle A = \angle D$ .

To Prove:  $\triangle ABC$  is congruent to  $\triangle DEF$ .

Proof: Place  $\triangle ABC$  upon  $\triangle DEF$  so that  $\angle A$  coincides with its equal,  $\angle D$ , and  $AC$  falls along  $DF$ .

Then  $AB$  coincides with  $DE$  and point  $B$  falls exactly on  $E$  ( $AB = DE$ ).

Now, from point  $E$ ,  $BC$  and  $EF$  are both  $\perp$  to  $DF$  (16).

$\therefore BC$  coincides with  $EF$  (54).

$\therefore \triangle ABC$  is congruent to  $\triangle DEF$  (26).

Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** In the adjoining diagram, if  $\angle 1 = \angle 2$ , prove the right triangles congruent.

**Ex. 2.** By use of 27 prove  $PA = PC$ .

**Ex. 3.** Prove that the line,  $BM$ , from the vertex of an isosceles triangle,  $ABC$ , and perpendicular to the base, bisects the vertex angle and also bisects the base.

(First prove the two right  $\triangle$  congruent, and then use 27.)

**Ex. 4.** Prove that the perpendiculars,  $SM$  and  $TP$ , upon the equal sides of an isosceles triangle,  $RST$ , from the opposite vertices,  $S$  and  $T$ , are equal.

Two ways: (a) Show rt.  $\triangle PST$  and  $MST$  are congruent; or (b) show rt.  $\triangle RSM$  and  $RPT$  are congruent.

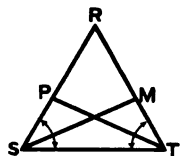
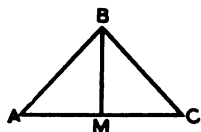
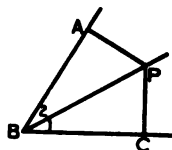
**Ex. 5.** Prove that the bisector of the vertex angle of an isosceles triangle bisects the base at right angles.

**58. Homologous parts.** Triangles are proved congruent in order that their homologous sides or homologous angles may be proved equal.

**59. Auxiliary lines.** Often it is impossible to give a simple demonstration without drawing lines not described in the hypothesis. Such lines, used only for the proof, are usually dotted in order to distinguish them from the lines mentioned in the hypothesis and the conclusion.

**60. Elements of a theorem.** Every theorem contains two parts. The one is assumed to be true; the other results from this assumption. The one part contains the given conditions; the other part states the resulting truth.

The assumed part of a theorem is called the **hypothesis**.



The part of the theorem which is to be proved true is the **conclusion**.

Often the hypothesis is a clause introduced by the word "if." When this conjunction is omitted, the subject of the sentence is known and its qualities, described in the qualifying words, constitute the "given conditions." Thus, in the theorem of 52, the assumed part follows the word "if," and the truth to be proved is: "Two triangles are equal."

The **converse of a theorem** is the theorem obtained by interchanging the hypothesis and the conclusion of the original theorem. Consult 44 and 45, 55 and 114.

**NOTE.** Every theorem having a simple hypothesis and a simple conclusion has a converse, but only a few of these converse theorems are true.

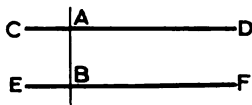
**61. Elements of a demonstration.** All correct demonstrations should consist of certain distinct parts, namely:

1. Full statement of the **given conditions** as applied to a particular figure.
2. Full statement of the truth which it is required to **prove**.
3. The **proof** — a series of successive statements, for each of which a valid reason should be quoted. (The drawing of auxiliary lines is sometimes essential.)
4. The **conclusion** declared to be true.

#### PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM

**62. Two lines in the same plane and perpendicular to the same line are parallel.**

**Given:**  $CD$  and  $EF$  in same plane  
and both  $\perp$  to  $AB$ .



**To Prove:**  $CD$  and  $EF \parallel$ .

**Proof.** If  $CD$  and  $EF$  were not  $\parallel$ , they would meet if sufficiently prolonged.

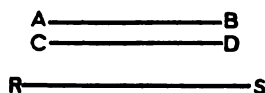


$CD$  and  $EF$  are both  $\perp$  to  $AB$  (Given).  
 $\therefore$  there would be two lines  $\perp$  to  $AB$  from the point of meeting. But this is impossible (54).  
 $\therefore CD$  and  $EF$  do not meet and are  $\parallel$  (21).  
 Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM

63. Two lines in the same plane and parallel to the same line are parallel.

Given:  $AB \parallel$  to  $RS$ , and  $CD \parallel$  to  $RS$ ,  
 in the same plane.



To Prove:  $AB \parallel$  to  $CD$ .

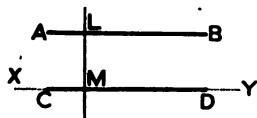
Proof: If  $AB$  and  $CD$  were not  $\parallel$ , they would meet if sufficiently prolonged.

$AB$  and  $CD$  are both  $\parallel$  to  $RS$  (Given).  
 $\therefore$  there would be two lines  $\parallel$  to  $RS$  through the point of meeting. But this is impossible (Ax. 13).  
 $\therefore AB$  and  $CD$  do not meet and are  $\parallel$  (21).  
 Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM

64. If a line is perpendicular to one of two parallels, it is perpendicular to the other also.

Given:  $LM \perp$  to  $AB$  and  $AB \parallel$  to  $CD$ .



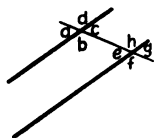
To Prove:  $LM \perp$  to  $CD$ .

Proof: Suppose  $XY$  is drawn through  $M \perp$  to  $LM$

$XY$  is  $\parallel$  to  $AB$  (62).  
 But  $CD$  is  $\parallel$  to  $AB$  (Given).  
 And  $CD$  and  $XY$  both contain point  $M$  (Const.).  
 $\therefore CD$  and  $XY$  coincide (Ax. 13).  
 But  $LM$  is  $\perp$  to  $XY$  (Const.).  
 That is,  $LM$  is  $\perp$  to  $CD$  Q.E.D.

**65.** If one line cuts other lines, it is called a **transversal**. Angles are formed at the several intersections, as follows :

- $b, c, e, h$  are interior angles.  
 $a, d, f, g$  are exterior angles.  
 $b$  and  $h, c$  and  $e, a$  and  $g, d$  and  $f$  (on opposite sides of the transversal) are **alternate angles**.  
 $b$  and  $h, c$  and  $e$  are **alternate interior angles**.  
 $a$  and  $g, d$  and  $f$  are **alternate exterior angles**.  
 $a$  and  $e, d$  and  $h, b$  and  $f, c$  and  $g$  are **corresponding angles**.



### PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM

**66.** If a transversal intersects two parallels, the alternate interior angles are equal.

**Given:**  $AB \parallel$  to  $CD$ ; transversal  $EF$  cutting the  $\parallel$ s at  $H$  and  $K$ .

**To Prove:**  $\angle a = \angle i$  and  $\angle x = \angle v$ .

**Proof:** Suppose through  $M$ , the midpoint of  $HK$ ,  $RS$  is drawn  $\perp$  to  $AB$ . Then  $RS$  is  $\perp$  to  $CD$ . (64).

In rt.  $\triangle RMH$  and  $KMS$ ,  $HM = KM$  (Const.).

$$\angle RMH = \angle KMS \quad (51).$$

$$\therefore \triangle RMH \text{ is congruent to } \triangle KMS \quad (57).$$

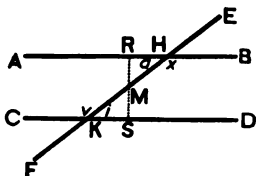
$$\therefore \angle a = \angle i \quad (27).$$

Again  $\angle x$  is the supplement of  $\angle a$  (44).

Also  $\angle v$  is the supplement of  $\angle i$  (44).

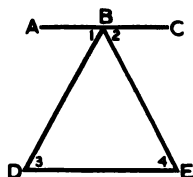
$$\therefore \angle x = \angle v \quad (49).$$

Q.E.D.



**Ex. 1.** If a line through the vertex of an isosceles triangle is parallel to the base, it makes equal angles with the sides of the triangle.

**Ex. 2.** If from each point at which a transversal intersects two parallels a perpendicular to the other parallel is drawn, two congruent right triangles are formed.

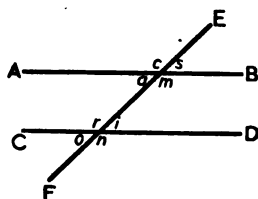


PROPOSITION X. THEOREM

67. If a transversal intersects two parallels, the corresponding angles are equal.

Given:  $AB \parallel$  to  $CD$ ; transversal  $EF$  cutting the  $\parallel$ s and forming the 8  $\angle$ s.

To Prove:  $\angle s = \angle i$ ;  $\angle c = \angle r$ ;  $\angle o = \angle a$ ;  $\angle n = \angle m$ .



Proof: I.

$$\angle s = \angle a \quad (51).$$

$$\angle a = \angle i \quad (66).$$

$$\therefore \angle s = \angle i \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

II.

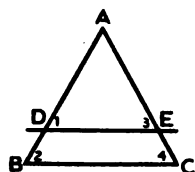
$$\angle c = \angle m \quad (?).$$

$$\angle m = \angle r \quad (?).$$

$$\therefore \angle c = \angle r \quad (?).$$

Etc. Q.E.D.

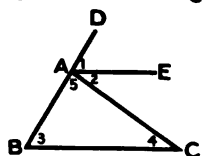
Ex. 1. If a line intersects the equal sides of an isosceles triangle and is parallel to the third side, the triangle formed has two equal angles.



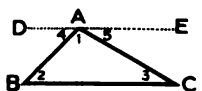
Ex. 2. In the adjoining figure, if  $AE$  is parallel to  $BC$ , prove that  $\angle 1 + \angle 2$  or  $\angle CAD = \angle 3 + \angle 4$ .

Ex. 3. In the same figure prove that

$$\angle 3 + \angle 4 + \angle 5 = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle.$$



Ex. 4. By drawing a line,  $DE$ , through the vertex  $A$ , of a triangle  $ABC$ , parallel to  $BC$ , prove that the sum of the angles of any triangle is equal to two right angles.



Ex. 5. If the equal sides of an isosceles triangle are prolonged through the vertex, and a line is drawn parallel to the base, cutting these prolongations, this triangle formed has two equal angles.

Ex. 6. If two sides of any triangle are prolonged beyond the third side, and a line, parallel to the third is drawn cutting these prolongations, two mutually equiangular triangles are formed.

## PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM

68. If a transversal intersects two parallels, the alternate exterior angles are equal.

Given: (?) To Prove: (?)

Proof:  $\angle c = \angle r$  (?);  $\angle r = \angle n$  (?).  $\therefore \angle c = \angle n$  (?) etc.  
Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XII. THEOREM

69. If a transversal intersects two parallels, the interior angles on the same side of the transversal are supplementary.

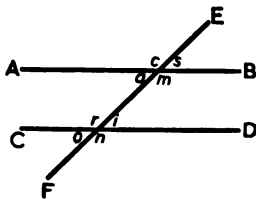
Given: (?)

To Prove:  $\angle a + \angle r = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle$ . etc.

Proof:  $\angle a + \angle m = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle$  (46).

But  $\angle m = \angle r$  (66).

$\therefore \angle a + \angle r = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle$  etc. (Ax. 6). Q.E.D.



## PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM

70. If a transversal intersects two lines and the alternate interior angles are equal, the lines are parallel. [Converse of 66.]

Given:  $AB$  and  $CD$  two lines; transversal  $EF$  cutting them at  $H$  and  $K$ , respectively;  $\angle a = \angle HKD$ .

To Prove:  $CD \parallel$  to  $AB$ .

Proof: Through  $K$  suppose  $RS$  is drawn  $\parallel$  to  $AB$ .

Then  $\angle a = \angle HKS$  (66).

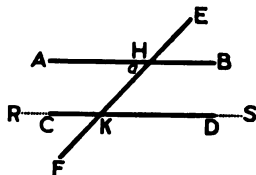
But  $\angle a = \angle HKD$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \angle HKS = \angle HKD$  (Ax. 1).

That is,  $KD$  and  $KS$  coincide, and  $CD$  and  $RS$  are the same line.

$\therefore CD \parallel$  to  $AB$ .

(Because it coincides with  $RS$ , which is  $\parallel$  to  $AB$ .) Q.E.D.



PROPOSITION XIV. THEOREM

**71. If a transversal intersects two lines and the corresponding angles are equal, the lines are parallel. [Converse of 67.]**

**Given:**  $AB$  and  $CD$  cut by  $EF$ ;  $\angle c = \angle r$ . (Fig. in 69.)

**To Prove:**  $AB \parallel$  to  $CD$ .

**Proof:**

$\angle c = \angle m$	(51).
$\angle c = \angle r$	(Hyp.).
$\therefore \angle m = \angle r$	(Ax. 1).
$\therefore AB$ is $\parallel$ to $CD$ .	(70).
	Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XV. THEOREM

**72. If a transversal intersects two lines and the alternate exterior angles are equal, the lines are parallel. [Converse of 68.]**

**Given:**  $AB$  and  $CD$  cut by  $EF$ , and  $\angle c = \angle n$ .

**To Prove:**  $AB \parallel$  to  $CD$ .

**Proof:**

$\angle c = \angle m$	(51).
$\angle c = \angle n$	(Hyp.).
$\therefore \angle m = \angle n$	(Ax. 1).
$\therefore AB$ is $\parallel$ to $CD$	(71). Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XVI. THEOREM

**73. If a transversal intersects two lines and the interior angles on the same side of the transversal are supplementary, the lines are parallel. [Converse of 69.]**

**Given:**  $AB$  and  $CD$  cut by  $EF$  and  $\angle a + \angle r = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle$ .

**To Prove:**  $AB \parallel$  to  $CD$ .

**Proof:**

$\angle a$ is the supplement of $\angle c$	(44).
$\angle a$ is the supplement of $\angle r$	(Hyp.).
$\therefore \angle c = \angle r$	(49).
$\therefore AB$ is $\parallel$ to $CD$	(71). Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XVII. THEOREM

**74. If two angles have their sides parallel each to each, the angles are equal or supplementary.**

**NOTE.** There are three cases: (I) the pairs of sides extending in the same two directions from the vertices; (II) the pairs of sides extending in opposite directions from the vertices; (III) one pair extending in the same direction and the other pair in opposite directions from the vertices.

**I. Given:**  $\angle a$  and  $\angle b$ , with their sides  $\parallel$  each to each and extending in the *same directions* from their vertices.

**To Prove:**  $\angle a = \angle b$ .

**Proof:** If the non-parallel lines do not meet, produce them to meet, forming  $\angle o$ .

$$\angle a = \angle o \quad (67).$$

$$\angle o = \angle b \quad (67).$$

$$\therefore \angle a = \angle b \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

**II. Given:**  $\angle a$  and  $\angle c$  with their sides  $\parallel$  each to each and extending in *opposite directions* from their vertices.

**To Prove:**  $\angle a = \angle c$

**Proof:**  $\angle a = \angle b$  (Proved in I).

$$\angle b = \angle c \quad (51).$$

$$\therefore \angle a = \angle c \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

**III. Given:**  $\angle a$  and  $\angle d$  with their sides  $\parallel$ ; one pair extending in the *same direction* and the other pair in *opposite directions* from their vertices.

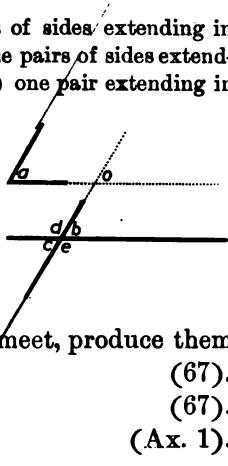
**To Prove:**  $\angle a$  is supplementary to  $\angle d$ .

**Proof:**  $\angle b$  is supplementary to  $\angle d$  (44).

But  $\angle a = \angle b$  (Proved in I).

Substituting,  $\angle a$  is supp. to  $\angle d$ . (Ax. 6). Q.E.D.

The proof that  $\angle a$  and  $\angle e$  are supplementary is the same.



PROPOSITION XVIII. THEOREM

75. If two angles have their sides perpendicular each to each, the angles are equal or supplementary.

I. Given:  $\angle a$  and  $b$  with sides  $\perp$  each to each.

To Prove:  $\angle a = \angle b$ .

Proof: At  $B$  suppose  $BR$  is drawn  $\perp$  to  $BC$  and  $BS \perp$  to  $AB$ .

$BR$  is  $\parallel$  to  $FE$  and  $BS$  is  $\parallel$  to  $DE$  (64).

$\therefore \angle x = \angle b$  (74).

Now  $\angle a$  is the complement of  $\angle y$  (19).

Also  $\angle x$  is the complement of  $\angle y$  (19).

$\therefore \angle a = \angle x$  (48).

$\therefore \angle a = \angle b$  (Ax. 1).

II. Given:  $\angle a$  and  $c$  with sides  $\perp$  each to each.

To Prove:  $\angle a$  and  $\angle c$  supplementary.

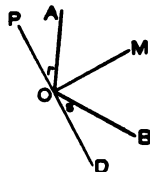
Proof:  $\angle b$  and  $\angle c$  are supplementary (44).

But  $\angle a = \angle b$  (Proved in I).

Substituting,  $\angle a$  and  $\angle c$  are supplementary (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

Ex. 1. If a line is drawn through the vertex of an angle and perpendicular to the bisector of the angle, it makes equal angles with the sides.



Ex. 2. Draw figure for Proposition XVII showing  $\angle b$  within  $\angle a$ , and prove the theorem.

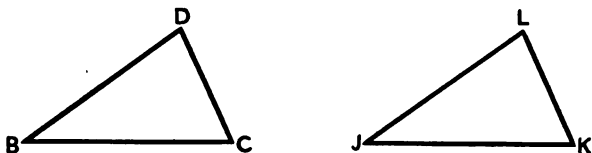
Ex. 3. Draw figure for Proposition XVIII showing  $\angle b$  without  $\angle a$ , and prove the theorem.

Ex. 4. Prove Proposition XVIII if the given angles have the same vertex; if the vertex of one angle is on a side of the other.

Ex. 5. In figure of 75, if  $\angle a = 40^\circ$ , tell how many degrees there are in  $\angle b$ ,  $c$ ,  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $SBC$ .

## PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM

76. Two triangles are congruent if a side and the two angles adjoining it in the one are equal respectively to a side and the two angles adjoining it in the other.



**Given:**  $\triangle BCD$  and  $\triangle JKL$ ;  $BC = JK$ ;  $\angle B = \angle J$ ;  $\angle C = \angle K$ .

**To Prove:**  $\triangle BCD$  is congruent to  $\triangle JKL$ .

**Proof:** Place  $\triangle BCD$  upon  $\triangle JKL$  so that  $BC$  coincides with its equal,  $JK$ .

$BD$  falls on  $JL$  (Because  $\angle B$  is given = to  $\angle J$ ).

$CD$  falls on  $KL$  (Because  $\angle C$  is given = to  $\angle K$ ).

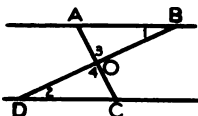
Then point  $D$ , which falls on both the lines  $JL$  and  $KL$ , falls at their intersection,  $L$  (38).

$\therefore$  the  $\triangle$  are congruent (26).

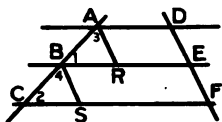
Q.E.D.

77. COROLLARY. Two right triangles are congruent if a leg and the adjoining acute angle of one are equal respectively to a leg and the adjoining acute angle of the other.

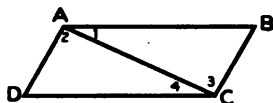
**Ex. 1.** If  $AB$  is  $\parallel$  to  $DC$  and point  $O$  bisects transversal  $BD$ , prove that it also bisects transversal  $AC$ .



**Ex. 2.** In the accompanying figure, the three  $\parallel$ s are cut by two transversals,  $AB = BC$ ,  $AR$  and  $BS$  are  $\parallel$  to  $DF$ . Prove that  $AR = BS$ .



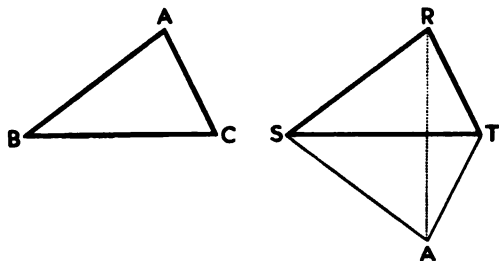
**Ex. 3.** In the accompanying figure,  $AB$  is  $\parallel$  to  $DC$  and  $AD$  is  $\parallel$  to  $BC$ . Prove that the  $\triangle$  are congruent.





PROPOSITION XX. THEOREM

78. Two triangles are congruent, if the three sides of one are equal respectively to the three sides of the other.



Given:  $\triangle ABC$  and  $RST$ ;  $AB = RS$ ;  $AC = RT$ ;  $BC = ST$ .

To Prove:  $\triangle RST$  is congruent to  $\triangle ABC$ .

Proof: Place  $\triangle ABC$  in the position of  $\triangle AST$ , so that the longest equal sides,  $BC$  and  $ST$  coincide, and  $A$  is opposite  $ST$  from  $R$ . Draw  $RA$ .

Now  $RS = AS$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle ASR$  is an isosceles  $\triangle$  (Def.).

Also  $TR = TA$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle ATR$  is an isosceles  $\triangle$  (Def.).

$\therefore \angle SRA = \angle SAR$  (55).

Also  $\angle TRA = \angle TAB$  (55).

Adding,  $\angle SRT = \angle SAT$  (Ax. 2).

$\therefore \triangle RST$  is congruent to  $\triangle AST$  (52).

That is, by substituting,  $\triangle RST$  is congruent to  $\triangle ABC$  (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D

Ex. In the figure of Ex. 3 on the opposite page, if the opposite sides are equal, prove them parallel.

79. The distance from one point to another is the length of the straight line joining the two points.

## PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM

80. Any point in the perpendicular bisector of a line is equally distant from the extremities of the line.

Given:  $AB \perp$  to  $CD$  at its midpoint,  $B$ ;  $P$  any point in  $AB$ ;  $PC$  and  $PD$ .

To Prove:  $PC = PD$ .

Proof: In the rt.  $\triangle PBC$  and  $PBD$ ,

$$PB = PB$$

(Identical).

$$BC = BD$$

(Hyp.).

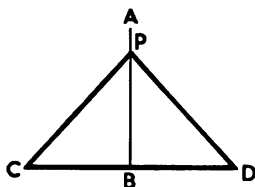
$\therefore \triangle PBC$  is congruent to  $\triangle PBD$

(53).

$$\therefore PC = PD.$$

(27).

Q.E.D.



## PROPOSITION XXII. THEOREM

81. Any point not in the perpendicular bisector of a line is not equally distant from the extremities of the line.

Given:  $AB \perp$  bisector of  $CD$ ;  $P$  any point not in  $AB$ ;  $PC$  and  $PD$ .

To Prove:  $PC \neq PD$ .

Proof: Either  $PC$  or  $PD$  will cut  $AB$ . Suppose  $PC$  cuts  $AB$  at  $O$ . Draw  $OD$ .

$$DO + OP > PD \quad (\text{Ax. 12}).$$

But

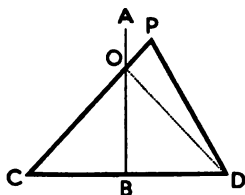
$$CO = DO \quad (80).$$

Substituting,

$$CO + OP > PD \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

That is,

$$PC > PD \text{ or } PC \neq PD. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

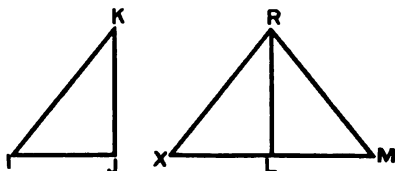


82. COROLLARY. If a point is equally distant from the extremities of a line, it is in the perpendicular bisector of the line. (80 and 81.)

83. COROLLARY. Two points each equally distant from the extremities of a line determine the perpendicular bisector of the line. (82 and 4.)

PROPOSITION XXIII. THEOREM

84. Two right triangles are equal if the hypotenuse and a leg of one are equal respectively to the hypotenuse and a leg of the other.



Given: rt.  $\triangle IJK$  and  $LMR$ ;  $KI = RM$ ;  $KJ = RL$ .

To Prove:  $\triangle IJK = \triangle LMR$ .

Proof: Place  $\triangle IJK$  in the position of  $\triangle XLR$  so that the equal sides,  $KJ$  and  $RL$ , coincide, and  $I$  is at  $X$ , opposite  $RL$  from  $M$ .

Now  $\angle RLM$  and  $RLX$  are supplementary (19).

$\therefore XLM$  is a straight line (45).

$\therefore$  figure  $XMR$  is a  $\triangle$  (23).

Now  $RX = RM$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle XMR$  is isosceles (Def.).

$\therefore \angle X = \angle M$  (55).

$\therefore \triangle XLR$  is congruent to  $\triangle LMR$  (57).

That is,  $\triangle IJK$  is congruent to  $\triangle LMR$  (Ax. 6).

Q. E. D.

85. COROLLARY. The perpendicular from the vertex of an isosceles triangle to the base bisects the base, and bisects the vertex angle.

In the congruent right  $\triangle$  of 84,  $XL = LM$  (27).

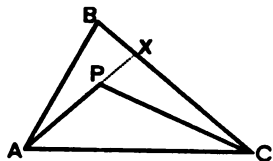
Also  $\angle XRL = \angle MRL$  (27).

Q. E. D.

Ex. In the figure of 84, if  $XL = LM$ , prove by two methods that  $XR = RM$ .

## PROPOSITION XXIV. THEOREM

86. The sum of two sides of a triangle is greater than the sum of two lines drawn to the extremities of the third side, from any point within the triangle.



Given:  $P$ , any point in  $\triangle ABC$ ;  
lines  $PA$  and  $PC$ .

To Prove:  $AB + BC > AP + PC$ .

Proof: Extend  $AP$  to meet  $BC$  at  $X$ .

$$AB + BX > AP + PX \quad (\text{Ax. 12}).$$

$$CX + PX > PC \quad (\text{Ax. 12}).$$

$$\text{Adding, } AB + \overline{BX + CX} + PX > AP + PC + PX \quad (\text{Ax. 8}).$$

Subtract

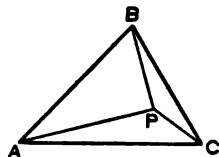
$$PX = PX$$

$$\therefore AB + BC > AP + PC \quad (\text{Ax. 7}). \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

Ex. If from any point within a triangle lines are drawn to the three vertices:

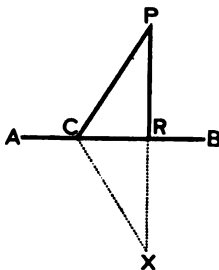
(1) their sum is less than the sum of the sides of the triangle.

(2) their sum is greater than half the sum of the sides of the triangle.



## PROPOSITION XXV. THEOREM

87. The perpendicular is the shortest line that can be drawn from a point to a straight line.



Given:  $PR \perp$  to  $AB$ ;  $PC$  not  $\perp$ .

To Prove:  $PR < PC$ .

Proof: Extend  $PR$  to  $X$ , making  $RX =$  to  $PR$ . Draw  $CX$ .

$$(1) \quad PR + RX < PC + CX \quad (\text{Ax. 12}).$$

$$\text{But} \quad AR \text{ is } \perp \text{ bisector of } PX \quad (\text{Const.}).$$

$$\therefore CX = PC \quad (80).$$

$$\text{Also} \quad RX = PR \quad (\text{Const.}).$$

∴ Substituting in (1),  $PR + PR < PC + PC$  (Ax. 6).

That is,  $2PR < 2PC$ .

∴  $PR < PC$  (Ax. 10). Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XXVI. THEOREM

88. If from any point in a perpendicular to a line two oblique lines are drawn,

I. Oblique lines cutting off equal distances from the foot of the perpendicular are equal.

II. Equal oblique lines cut off equal distances. [Converse.]

III. Oblique lines cutting off unequal distances are unequal, and that one which cuts off the greater distance is the greater.

IV. Unequal oblique lines cut off unequal distances from the foot of the perpendicular, and the longer oblique line cuts off the greater distance. [Converse.]

I. Given:  $CD \perp$  to  $AB$ ;  $ND = MD$ ;  
oblique lines  $PN$  and  $PM$ .

To Prove:  $PN = PM$ .

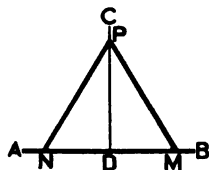
Proof: In the rt.  $\triangle PDN$  and  $PDM$ ,  $PD = PD$  (Iden.).

Also  $ND = DM$  (Hyp.).

∴  $\triangle PDN$  is congruent to  $\triangle PDM$  (53).

∴  $PN = PM$  (27).

Q.E.D.



II. Given:  $CD \perp$  to  $AB$ ;  $PN = PM$ .

To Prove:  $DN = DM$ .

Proof: In the rt.  $\triangle PDN$  and  $PDM$ ,  $PD = PD$  (Iden.).

Also  $PN = PM$  (Hyp.).

∴  $\triangle PDN$  is congruent to  $\triangle PDM$  (84).

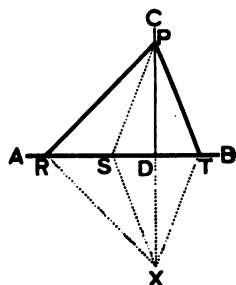
∴  $DN = DM$  (27).

Q.E.D.

III. **Given:**  $CD \perp$  to  $AB$ ; oblique lines  $PR$  and  $PT$ :

Also  $DR > DT$ .

**To Prove:**  $PR > PT$ .



**Proof:** Because  $DR > DT$ , we may take  $DS$  (on  $DR$ ) = to  $DT$ . Draw  $PS$ . Extend  $PD$  to  $X$ , making  $DX =$  to  $PD$ . Draw  $RX$  and  $SX$ . Now  $AD$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of  $PX$  and  $CD$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of  $ST$  (Const.).

$$PR + RX > PS + SX \quad (86).$$

But  $RX = PR$ , and  $SX = PS = PT$  (80).

Substituting,  $PR + PR > PS + PS$  (Ax. 6).

That is,  $2PR > 2PS$

$$\therefore PR > PS \quad (\text{Ax. 10}).$$

Substituting,  $PR > PT$  (Ax. 6). Q.E.D.

IV. **Given:** [Use no dotted lines.]  $CD \perp$  to  $AB$ ; oblique lines  $PR$  and  $PT$ ;  $PR > PT$ .

**To Prove:**  $DR > DT$ .

**Proof:** It is evident that  $DR < DT$ , or  $DR = DT$ , or  $DR > DT$ .

1st: If  $DR < DT$ ,  $PR < PT$  (By III).

But  $PR > PT$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore DR$  is not  $< DT$

2d: If  $DR = DT$ ,  $PR = PT$  (By I).

But  $PR > PT$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore DR$  is not  $= DT$

3d: Therefore, the only possibility is that  $DR > DT$ .

Q.E.D.

**89. COROLLARY.** From an external point it is not possible to draw three equal straight lines to a given straight line.

90. The method of demonstration employed in 88, IV, is called the **method of exclusion**.

It consists in making all possible suppositions, leaving the probable one last, and then proving all these suppositions impossible, except the last, which must necessarily be true.

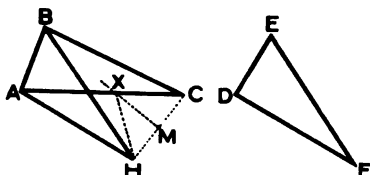
The method of proving the individual steps is called *reductio ad absurdum* (reduction to an absurd or impossible conclusion). This method consists in assuming as false the truth to be proved and then showing that this assumption leads to a conclusion altogether contrary to known truth or the given hypothesis. (Examine the last preceding proof.) This is sometimes called the **indirect method**. The theorems of 62 and 63 are demonstrated by a single use of this method.

### PROPOSITION XXVII. THEOREM

91. If two triangles have two sides of one equal to two sides of the other, but the included angle in the first greater than the included angle in the second, the third side of the first is greater than the third side of the second.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC, DEF$ ;  
 $AB = DE$ ;  $BC = EF$ ;  
 $\angle ABC > \angle E$ .

**To Prove:**  $AC > DF$ .



**Proof:** Place the  $\triangle DEF$  upon  $\triangle ABC$  so that side  $DE$  coincides with its equal  $AB$ ,  $\triangle DEF$  taking the position of  $\triangle ABH$ . There remains an  $\angle HBC$ . (Hyp.).

Draw  $HC$  and suppose its  $\perp$  bisector,  $MX$ , to be erected, meeting  $AC$  at  $X$ . Draw  $HX$ .

Now  $HX = XC$  (80).

Also  $AX + XH > AH$  (Ax. 12).

Substituting,  $AX + XC$ , or  $AC > AH$  (Ax. 6).

Substituting,  $AC > DF$  (Ax. 6). Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXVIII. THEOREM

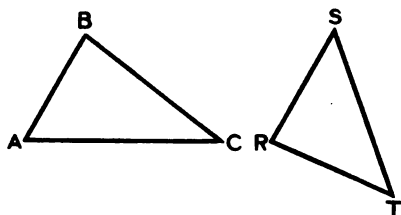
92. If two triangles have two sides of one equal to two sides of the other, but the third side of the first greater than the third side of the second, the included angle of the first is greater than the included angle of the second. [Converse.]

Given:  $\triangle ABC$  and  $RST$ ;

$AB = RS$ ;  $BC = ST$ ;

$AC > RT$ .

To Prove:  $\angle B > \angle S$ .



Proof:  $\angle B < \angle S$ , or  $\angle B = \angle S$ , or  $\angle B > \angle S$ .

1. If  $\angle B < \angle S$ ,  $AC < RT$  (91).

But  $AC > RT$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \angle B$  is not  $< \angle S$ .

2. If  $\angle B = \angle S$ , the  $\triangle$  are congruent (52).

$\therefore AC = RT$  (27).

But  $AC > RT$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \angle B \neq \angle S$ .

3.  $\therefore$  the only possibility is that  $\angle B > \angle S$ . Q.E.D.

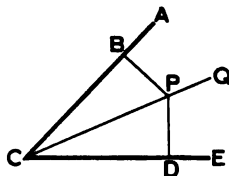
93. The distance from a point to a line is the length of the perpendicular from the point to the line. If the perpendiculars from a point to two lines are equal, the point is said to be equally distant from the lines.

## PROPOSITION XXIX. THEOREM

94. Every point in the bisector of an angle is equally distant from the sides of the angle.

Given:  $\angle ACE$ ; bisector  $CQ$ ; point  $P$  in  $CQ$ ; distances  $PB$  and  $PD$ .

To Prove:  $PB = PD$ .





**Proof:**  $\triangle PBC$  and  $PDC$  are rt.  $\triangle$ .

In rt.  $\triangle PBC$  and  $PDC$ ,  $PC = PC$  (Iden.).

$\angle PCB = \angle PCD$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle PBC$  is congruent to  $\triangle PDC$  (57).

$PB = PD$  (27). Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XXX. THEOREM

**95. Every point equally distant from the sides of an angle is in the bisector of the angle.**

**Given:**  $\angle ACE$ ;  $P$ , a point, such that  $PB = PD$  (distances);  $CQ$ , a line from vertex of the angle, and containing  $P$ .

**To Prove:**  $\angle ACQ = \angle ECQ$ .

**Proof:**  $\triangle PBC$  and  $PDC$  are rt.  $\triangle$  (93).

In rt.  $\triangle PBC$  and  $PDC$ ,  $PC = PC$  (Iden.).

$PB = PD$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle PBC$  is congruent to  $\triangle PDC$  (84).

$\therefore \angle ACQ = \angle ECQ$  (27). Q.E.D.

**96. COROLLARY.** If a point is not equally distant from the sides of an angle, it is not in the bisector of the angle.

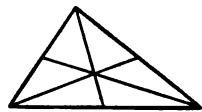
(If it were in the bisector, it would be equally distant.)

**97. COROLLARY.** The vertex of an angle and a point equally distant from its sides determine the bisector of the angle.

**98.** The altitude of a triangle is the perpendicular from any vertex to the opposite side (prolonged if necessary). A triangle has three altitudes.

The bisector of an angle of a triangle is the line dividing any angle into two equal angles. A triangle has three bisectors of its angles.

The median of a triangle is the line drawn from any vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side. A triangle has three medians.



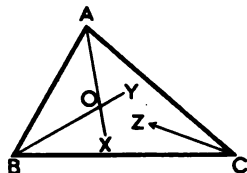
THE THREE MEDIANS

## PROPOSITION XXXI. THEOREM

99. The bisectors of the angles of a triangle meet in a point which is equally distant from the sides.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $AX$  bisecting  $\angle A$ ,  $BY$  and  $CZ$  the other bisectors.

**To Prove:**  $AX$ ,  $BY$ ,  $CZ$  meet in a point equally distant from  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , and  $BC$ .



**Proof:** Suppose that  $AX$  and  $BY$  intersect at  $O$ .

$O$ , in  $AX$ , is equally distant from  $AB$  and  $AC$  (94).

$O$ , in  $BY$ , is equally distant from  $AB$  and  $BC$  (?).

$\therefore$  point  $O$  is equally distant from  $AC$  and  $BC$  (Ax. 1).

$\therefore O$  is in bisector  $CZ$  (95).

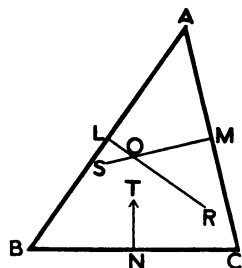
That is, all three bisectors meet at  $O$ , and  $O$  is equally distant from the three sides. Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXXII. THEOREM

100. The three perpendicular bisectors of the sides of a triangle meet in a point which is equally distant from the vertices.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $LR$ ,  $MS$ ,  $NT$ , the three  $\perp$  bisectors.

**To Prove:**  $LR$ ,  $MS$ ,  $NT$  meet in a point equally distant from  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ .



**Proof:** Suppose that  $LR$  and  $MS$  intersect at  $O$ .

$O$ , in  $LR$ , is equally distant from  $A$  and  $B$  (80).

$O$ , in  $MS$ , is equally distant from  $A$  and  $C$  (?).

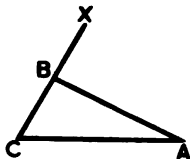
$\therefore$  point  $O$  is equally distant from  $B$  and  $C$  (Ax. 1).

$\therefore O$  is in  $\perp$  bisector  $NT$  (82).

That is, all three  $\perp$  bisectors meet at  $O$ , and  $O$  is equally distant from  $A$  and  $B$  and  $C$ . Q.E.D.

**101.** An exterior angle of a triangle is an angle formed outside the triangle, between one side of the triangle and another side prolonged.  
[ $\angle ABX$ .]

The angles within the triangle at the other vertices are the **opposite interior angles**. [ $\angle A$  and  $\angle C$ .]



PROPOSITION XXXIII. THEOREM

**102.** An exterior angle of a triangle is equal to the sum of the opposite interior angles.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ ; exterior  $\angle ABD$ .

**To Prove:**  $\angle ABD = \angle A + \angle C$ .

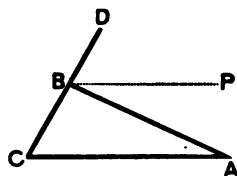
**Proof:** Suppose  $BP$  to be drawn through  $B \parallel$  to  $AC$ .

$$\angle ABD = \angle ABP + \angle PBD \quad (\text{Ax. 4}).$$

$$\text{But} \quad \angle ABP = \angle A \quad (66).$$

$$\text{Also} \quad \angle PBD = \angle C \quad (67).$$

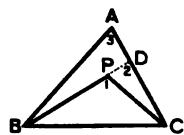
$$\therefore \angle ABD = \angle A + \angle C \quad (\text{Ax. 6}). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$



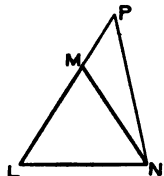
**103. COROLLARY.** An exterior angle of a triangle is greater than either of the opposite interior angles. (Ax. 5.)

**Ex. 1.** If lines are drawn from any point within a triangle to two vertices of the triangle, they include an angle greater than the third angle of the triangle.

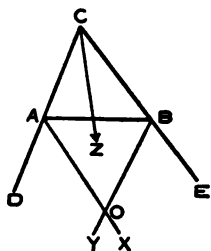
[Notice that  $\angle 1$  is an ext.  $\angle$  of  $\triangle CDP$  and  $\angle 2$  is an ext.  $\angle$  of  $\triangle ABD$ .]



**Ex. 2.** If the side  $LM$ , of equilateral triangle  $LMN$ , is produced to  $P$ , and  $PN$  is drawn,  $\angle P < \angle L$ .

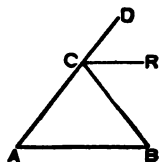


**Ex. 3.** The bisectors of two exterior angles of a triangle and of the interior angle at the third vertex meet in a point.



**Ex. 4.** The line through the vertex of an isosceles triangle, parallel to the base, bisects the exterior angle.

**Ex. 5.** The bisector of the exterior angle at the vertex of an isosceles triangle is parallel to the base.



**Proof:**  $\angle DCB = 2\angle A$  (?)  $= 2\angle DCR$  (?).

### PROPOSITION XXXIV. THEOREM

**104.** The sum of the angles of any triangle is two right angles; that is,  $180^\circ$ .

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ .

**To Prove:**

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle ACB = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle = 180^\circ.$$

**Proof:** Prolong  $AC$  to  $X$ , making the ext.  $\angle BCX$ .

$$\angle BCX + \angle ACB = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle \quad (46).$$

$$\text{But} \quad \angle BCX = \angle A + \angle B \quad (102).$$

$$\therefore \angle A + \angle B + \angle ACB = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle = 180^\circ \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

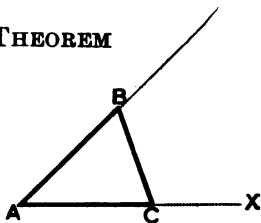
Q.E.D.

**105. COROLLARY.** The sum of any two angles of a triangle is less than two right angles. (Ax. 5.)

**106. COROLLARY.** A triangle cannot have more than one right angle or more than one obtuse angle.

**107. COROLLARY.** Two angles of every triangle are acute.

**108. COROLLARY.** The acute angles of a right triangle are complementary.



**Proof:** Their sum = 1 rt.  $\angle$ . (104.)

Hence they are complementary. (19.)

**109. COROLLARY.** Each angle of an equiangular triangle is  $60^\circ$ .

**110. COROLLARY.** If two right triangles have an acute angle of one equal to an acute angle of the other, the remaining acute angles are equal. (48.)

**111. COROLLARY.** If two triangles have two angles of the one equal to two angles of the other, the third angle of the first is equal to the third angle of the second. (104.)

**112. COROLLARY.** Two triangles are congruent if a side and any two angles of the one are equal respectively to a homologous side and the two homologous angles of the other.

**Proof:** The third  $\angle$  of one  $\triangle$  = third  $\angle$  of other  $\triangle$  (111).  
 $\therefore$  the  $\triangle$  are  $\cong$  (76.)

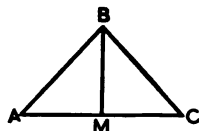
**113. COROLLARY.** Two right triangles are congruent if a leg and the opposite acute angle of one are equal respectively to a leg and the opposite acute angle of the other. (112.)

**Ex. 1.** If two angles of a triangle contain  $50^\circ$  and  $100^\circ$ , how many degrees are there in the other angle?

**Ex. 2.** Prove that if one angle of a triangle equals the sum of the other two angles, the triangle is a right triangle.

**Ex. 3.** How many degrees are there in each angle of an isosceles right triangle?

**Ex. 4.** The altitude of an isosceles right triangle upon the hypotenuse divides the triangle into two isosceles right triangles, each of whose acute angles is equal to  $45^\circ$ .



**Ex. 5.** In a right triangle, if one acute angle is  $47^\circ$ , what is the other?

**Ex. 6.** In an isosceles triangle, if  $\angle A = \angle B = 80^\circ$ , find  $\angle C$ .

**Ex. 7.** In  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $\angle A = 25^\circ$ ,  $\angle B = 88^\circ$ , find  $\angle C$  and the exterior angle at  $A$ .

**Ex. 8.** The vertex angle of an isosceles triangle is  $44^\circ$ . Find each base angle.

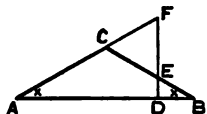
**Ex. 9.** If one acute angle of a right triangle is double the other, how many degrees are there in each?

**Ex. 10.** If one acute angle of a right triangle is five times the other, how many degrees are there in each?

**Ex. 11.** If any angle of an isosceles triangle is  $60^\circ$ , show that the triangle is equiangular.

**Ex. 12.** If the vertex angle of an isosceles triangle equals four times the sum of the base angles, find each angle.

**Ex. 13.** If the vertex angle of an isosceles triangle is twice the sum of the base angles, any line perpendicular to the base forms with the sides of the given triangle (one side to be produced) an equiangular triangle. [First find  $\angle x$  and  $\angle ACB$ . Then use exterior  $\angle$  at  $D$ .]

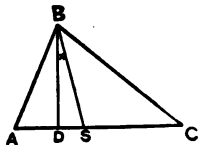


**Ex. 14.** The angles of a triangle are  $44^\circ$ ,  $62^\circ$ ,  $74^\circ$ . These are bisected by lines meeting at a point. Find the number of degrees in the three angles at this point.

**Ex. 15.** If two angles of a triangle are  $80^\circ$  and  $55^\circ$ , how many degrees are there in the angle formed by their bisectors?

**Ex. 16.** The vertex angle of an isosceles triangle is one third of either exterior angle at the extremities of the base. Find each angle of the triangle.

**Ex. 17.** If two angles of a triangle are  $30^\circ$  and  $40^\circ$ , how many degrees are there in the angle formed by the bisector of the third angle and the altitude from the same vertex? **Solution:**  $\angle x = \angle ABS - \angle ABD = \frac{1}{2} \angle ABC - \text{comp. of } \angle A$ .



**Ex. 18.** The angle between the altitude of a triangle and the bisector of the angle at the same vertex equals half the difference of the other angles of the triangle.

**Proof.**  $\angle x = \angle ABS - \angle ABD$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (180^\circ - \angle A - \angle C) - (90^\circ - \angle A)$  (Ax. 6).  
 $= \text{etc.}$

**Ex. 19.** The exterior angle at the base of an isosceles triangle equals half the vertex angle plus  $90^\circ$ .

**Ex. 20.** If in  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle BAC = 80^\circ$ ,  $\angle ABC = 30^\circ$ , find the angle formed by the bisectors of the exterior angles at  $A$  and  $B$ .

**Ex. 21.** The angle formed by the bisectors of two exterior angles of a triangle equals half the sum of the interior angles at the same vertices.

**Ex. 22.** If, in triangle  $ABC$ , the bisectors of the interior angle at  $B$  and the exterior angle at  $C$  meet at  $D$ , the angle  $BAC$  equals twice the angle  $BDC$ .

**Ex. 23.** The angle between the bisectors of two angles of a triangle equals half the third angle, plus a right angle.

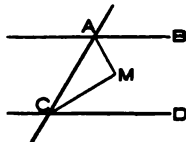
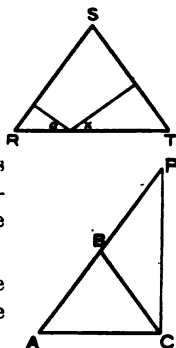
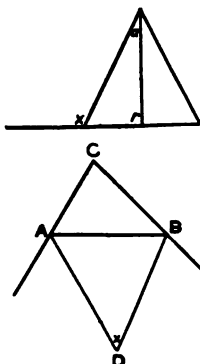
**Ex. 24.** If from any point in the base of an isosceles triangle perpendiculars to the equal sides are drawn, they make equal angles with the base.

**Ex. 25.** If one of the legs of an isosceles triangle is produced through the vertex its own length, and the extremity is joined to the nearer end of the base, this line is perpendicular to the base.

**Ex. 26.** If the middle point of one side of a triangle is equally distant from the three vertices, the triangle is a right triangle.

**Ex. 27.** If the points at which the bisectors of the equal angles of an isosceles triangle meet the opposite sides, are joined by a line, it is parallel to the base.

**Ex. 28.** The bisectors of two interior angles on the same side of a transversal cutting two parallels meet at right angles.



**Proof:**  $\angle BAC + \angle ACD = 180^\circ$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \angle BAC + \frac{1}{2} \angle ACD = 90^\circ$$

That is,  $\angle MAC + \angle MCA = 90^\circ$

$$\therefore \angle M = 90^\circ$$

(?)

(Ax. 3).

(Ax. 6).

(104).

## PROPOSITION XXXV. THEOREM

114. If two angles of a triangle are equal, the triangle is isosceles. [Converse of 55.]

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $\angle A = \angle C$ .

To Prove:  $AB = BC$ .

Proof: Suppose  $BX$  drawn  $\perp$  to  $AC$ .

In the rt.  $\triangle ABX$  and  $CBX$ ,  $BX = BX$

$$\angle A = \angle C$$

$\therefore \triangle ABX$  is congruent to  $\triangle CBX$

$$\therefore AB = BC$$

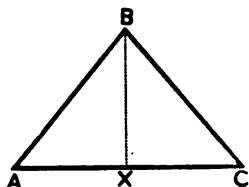
(Iden.).

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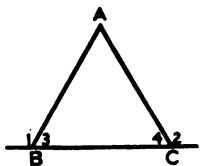
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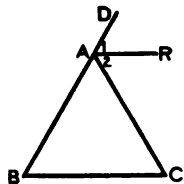
115. COROLLARY. An equiangular triangle is equilateral.

Ex. 1. If the exterior angles of a triangle are equal, the triangle is isosceles.

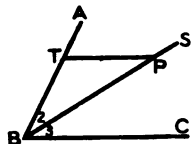


Ex. 2. A line parallel to the base of an isosceles triangle, meeting the equal sides, forms another isosceles triangle. Prove this for all three cases, whether it meets the equal sides, or those sides prolonged.

Ex. 3. If a line through the vertex of a triangle bisects the exterior angle and is parallel to the base, the triangle is isosceles.



Ex. 4. If from any point in the bisector of an angle a line is drawn parallel to either side of the angle, an isosceles triangle is formed.

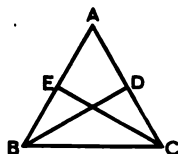


Ex. 5. The bisectors of the equal angles of an isosceles triangle form, with the base, another isosceles triangle.

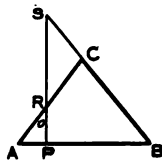


**Ex. 6.** If from any point in the base of an isosceles triangle a line is drawn parallel to one of the equal sides and meeting the other side, an isosceles triangle is formed.

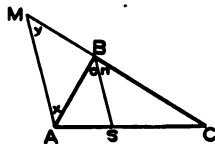
**Ex. 7.** If two altitudes of a triangle are equal, the triangle is isosceles. (Prove two ways.)



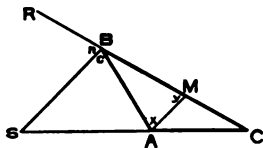
**Ex. 8.** If a perpendicular is erected at any point in the base of an isosceles triangle, meeting one leg, and the other leg produced, another isosceles triangle is formed.



**Ex. 9.** If  $ABC$  is a triangle,  $BS$  is the bisector of  $\angle ABC$ , and  $AM$  is parallel to  $BS$ , meeting  $BC$  produced, at  $M$ , the triangle  $ABM$  is isosceles.



**Ex. 10.** If a line is drawn perpendicular to the bisector of an angle and intersecting the sides, an isosceles triangle is formed.



**Ex. 11.** If  $ABC$  is a triangle and  $BS$  is the bisector of exterior  $\angle ABR$  and  $AM$  is  $\parallel$  to  $BS$ , meeting  $BC$  at  $M$ ,  $\triangle ABM$  is isosceles.

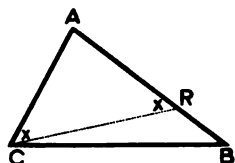
**Historical Note.** Euclid of Alexandria lived during the third century B.C.; but little is known of his parentage, teachers, residence, or career. He was probably a contemporary of Eratosthenes and Archimedes. He wrote "The Elements," the most complete treatise on geometry that appeared before modern times, and inasmuch as this supplanted all others he must have made a great advance over the work of his predecessors. He was both a compiler and a discoverer. When a king of Egypt asked him about the possibility of mastering geometry with ease, Euclid is said to have replied, "There is no royal road to geometry."



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## PROPOSITION XXXVI. THEOREM

116. If two sides of a triangle are unequal, the angle opposite the longer side is greater than the angle opposite the shorter side.



Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $AB > AC$ .

To Prove:  $\angle ACB > \angle B$ .

Proof: On  $AB$  take  $AR =$  to  $AC$ .

Draw  $CR$  and let  $\angle ARC = x$ .

$\angle ARC$  is an ext.  $\angle$  of  $\triangle CBR$  (Def. 101).

$\therefore \angle x > \angle B$  (103).

But  $\angle ACR = \angle x$  (55).

Substituting,  $\angle ACR > \angle B$  (Ax. 6).

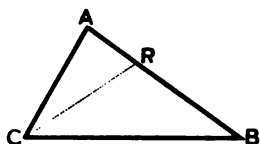
Again,  $\angle ACB > \angle ACR$  (Ax. 5).

$\therefore \angle ACB > \angle B$  (Ax. 11).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXXVII. THEOREM

117. If two angles of a triangle are unequal, the side opposite the greater angle is longer than the side opposite the less angle. [Converse.]



Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $\angle ACB > \angle B$ .

To Prove:  $AB > AC$ .

Proof: In  $\angle ACB$ , suppose  $\angle BCR$  constructed  $=$  to  $\angle B$ .

Then  $CR = BR$  (114).

Also  $AB + CR > AC$  (Ax. 12).

Substituting,  $AB + BR > AC$  (Ax. 6).

That is,  $AB > AC$ . Q.E.D.

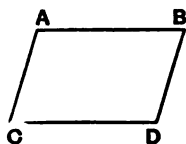
118. COROLLARY. The hypotenuse is the longest side of a right triangle. (117.)

## QUADRILATERALS

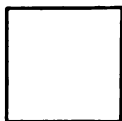
**119.** A **quadrilateral** is a portion of a plane bounded by four straight lines. These four lines are called the **sides**. The **vertices** of a quadrilateral are the four points at which the sides intersect. The **angles** of a quadrilateral are the four angles at the vertices. The **diagonal** of a rectilinear figure is a line joining two vertices, not in the same side.

**120.** A **trapezium** is a quadrilateral having no two sides parallel. A **trapezoid** is a quadrilateral having two and only two sides parallel. A **parallelogram** is a quadrilateral having its opposite sides parallel ( $\square$ ).

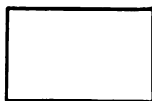
**NOTE.** In the first figure below, angles  $A$ ,  $D$ , or  $B$ ,  $C$  are **opposite** angles, angles  $A$ ,  $C$ , or  $B$ ,  $D$ , or  $A$ ,  $B$ , or  $C$ ,  $D$  are **consecutive** angles. .



PARALLELOGRAM  
RHOMBOID



SQUARE



RECTANGLE



TRAPEZOID

**121.** A **rectangle** is a parallelogram whose angles are right angles. A **rhomboid** is a parallelogram whose angles are not right angles.

**122.** A **square** is an equilateral rectangle. A **rhombus** is an equilateral rhomboid.

**123.** The side upon which a figure appears to stand is called its **base**. A trapezoid and all parallelograms have **two bases**, — the actual base and the side parallel to it. The non-parallel sides of a trapezoid are sometimes called the **legs**. An **isosceles trapezoid** is a trapezoid whose legs are equal. The **median** of a trapezoid is the line connecting the midpoints of the legs. The **altitude** of a trapezoid and of all parallelograms is the perpendicular distance between the bases.

## PROPOSITION XXXVIII. THEOREM

124. The opposite sides of a parallelogram are equal.

Given:  $\square L M O P$ .

To Prove:  $LM = PO$  and  $LP = MO$ .

Proof: Draw diagonal  $PM$ .

In  $\triangle LMP$  and  $\triangle OMP$ ,  $PM = PM$

$$\angle a = \angle i$$

$$\angle y = \angle x$$

$\therefore \triangle LMP$  is congruent to  $\triangle OMP$

$\therefore LM = PO$  and  $LP = MO$

(Iden.).

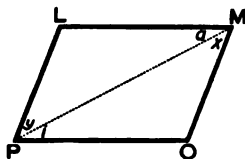
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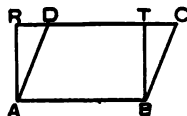
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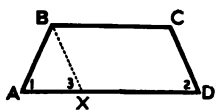
Q.E.D.



Ex. 1. If two perpendiculars are drawn to the upper base of a parallelogram from the extremities of the lower base, two congruent right triangles are formed.

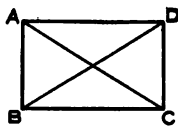


Ex. 2. The angles adjoining each base of an isosceles trapezoid are equal.



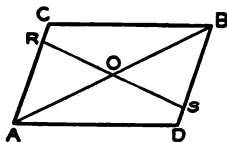
Ex. 3. If the angles at the base of a trapezoid are equal, the figure is isosceles.

Ex. 4. The diagonals of a rectangle are equal.



Ex. 5. If the diagonals of a parallelogram are equal, the figure is a rectangle.

Ex. 6. Any line terminated in a pair of opposite sides of a parallelogram and passing through the midpoint of a diagonal is bisected by this point.

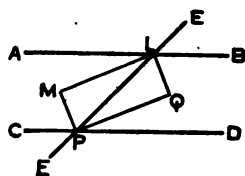


Ex. 7. If one angle of a parallelogram is a right angle, the figure is a rectangle.

Ex. 8. The bisectors of the angles of a trapezoid form a quadrilateral, two of whose angles are right angles.

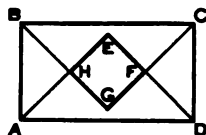
**Ex. 9.** The bisectors of the four interior angles formed by a transversal cutting two parallels form a rectangle.

[Prove each  $\angle$  of  $LMPQ$  a rt.  $\angle$ .]

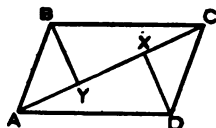


**Ex. 10.** The bisectors of the angles of a parallelogram form a rectangle.

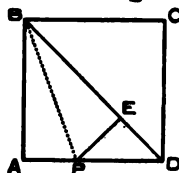
**Ex. 11.** The bisectors of the angles of a rectangle form a square. [In order to prove  $EFGH$  equilateral, the  $\triangle AHB$  and  $CDF$  are proved congruent and isosceles; similarly  $\triangle BGC$  and  $AED$ .]



**Ex. 12.** The perpendiculars upon a diagonal of a parallelogram from the opposite vertices are equal.

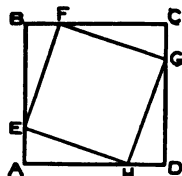


**Ex. 13.** If on diagonal  $BD$ , of square  $ABCD$ ,  $BE$  is taken equal to a side of the square, and  $EP$  is drawn perpendicular to  $BD$  meeting  $AD$  at  $P$ ,  $AP = PE = ED$ .



**Ex. 14.** If  $ABCD$  is a square and  $E, F, G, H$  are points on the sides, such that  $AE = BF = CG = DH$ ,  $EFGH$  is a square.

[First, prove  $EFGH$  equilateral; then one  $\angle$  a rt.  $\angle$ .]



**Ex. 15.** The diagonals of an isosceles trapezoid are equal.

**125. COROLLARY.** Parallel lines included between parallel lines are equal. (124.)

**126. COROLLARY.** The diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into two congruent triangles.

**127. COROLLARY.** The opposite angles of a parallelogram are equal. (27.)

## PROPOSITION XXXIX. THEOREM

128. If the opposite sides of a quadrilateral are equal, the figure is a parallelogram. [Converse of 124.]

Given: Quadrilateral  $ABCD$ ;  
 $AB = DC$ ;  $AD = BC$ .

To Prove:  $ABCD$  is a  $\square$ .

Proof: Draw diagonal  $BD$ .

In  $\triangle ABD$  and  $CBD$ ,  $BD = BD$  (Iden.).

$AB = DC$  and  $AD = BC$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle ABD$  is congruent to  $\triangle CBD$  (78).

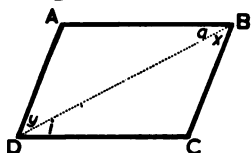
$\therefore \angle a = \angle i$  (27).

$\therefore AB$  is  $\parallel$  to  $DC$  (70).

Also  $\angle y = \angle x$  (27).

$\therefore AD$  is  $\parallel$  to  $BC$  (70).

Hence  $ABCD$  is a  $\square$  (Def.). Q.E.D.



## PROPOSITION XL. THEOREM

129. If two sides of a quadrilateral are equal and parallel, the figure is a parallelogram.

Given: Quadrilateral  $ABCD$ ;  $AB = DC$  and  $AB \parallel$  to  $DC$ .

To Prove:  $ABCD$  is a  $\square$ .

Proof: Draw diagonal  $BD$ .

In  $\triangle ABD$  and  $CBD$ ,  $BD = BD$  (Iden.).

$AB = DC$  (Given).

$\angle a = \angle i$  (66).

$\therefore \triangle ABD$  is congruent to  $\triangle CBD$  (52).

Hence  $\angle y = \angle x$  (27).

$\therefore AD$  is  $\parallel$  to  $BC$  (70).

$\therefore ABCD$  is a  $\square$  (Def.). Q.E.D.

130. COROLLARY. Any pair of consecutive angles of a parallelogram are supplementary. (69.)

PROPOSITION XLI. THEOREM

131. The diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.

Given:  $\square EFGH$ ; diagonals  $EG$  and  $FH$  intersecting at  $X$ .

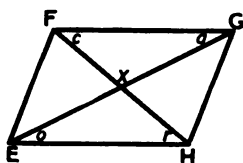
To Prove:  $FX = XH$  and  $GX = XE$ .

Proof: In  $\triangle FXG$  and  $EXH$ ,  $FG = EH$  (124).

$\angle a = \angle o$  and  $\angle c = \angle r$  (66).

$\therefore \triangle FXG$  is congruent to  $\triangle EXH$  (76).

$\therefore FX = XH$  and  $GX = XE$  (27). Q.E.D.



PROPOSITION XLII. THEOREM

132. If the diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect each other, the figure is a parallelogram.

Given: Quadrilateral  $EFGH$ , diagonals  $EG$  and  $FH$ ,  $FX = XH$ ,  $EX = GX$ .

To Prove:  $EFGH$  is a  $\square$ .

Proof: In  $\triangle FXG$  and  $EXH$ ,  $FX = XH$  and  $EX = GX$  (Hyp.).

$\angle FXG = \angle EXH$  (?).

$\therefore \triangle FXG$  is congruent to  $\triangle EXH$  (?).

$\therefore FG = EH$  and  $\angle c = \angle r$  (?).

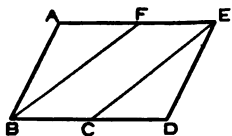
$\therefore FG$  is  $\parallel$  to  $EH$  (70).

$\therefore EFGH$  is a  $\square$  (129). Q.E.D.

Ex. 1. The lines joining a pair of opposite vertices of a parallelogram to the midpoints of the opposite sides are equal and parallel.

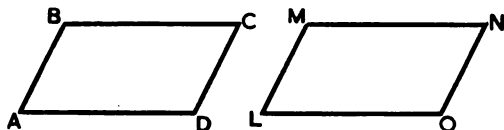
Ex. 2. If through the point of intersection of the diagonals of a parallelogram, two lines are drawn intersecting a pair of opposite sides (produced if necessary), the intercepts on these sides are equal.

Ex. 3. It is impossible to draw two straight lines from the ends of the base of a triangle terminating in the opposite sides, so that they shall bisect each other.



## PROPOSITION XLIII. THEOREM

133. Two parallelograms are congruent if two sides and the included angle of one are equal respectively to two sides and the included angle of the other.



**Given:**  $\square AC$  and  $LN$ ;  $AB = LM$ ;  $AD = LO$ ;  $\angle A = \angle L$ .

**To Prove:** The  $\square$  are congruent.

**Proof:** Superpose  $\square AC$  upon  $\square LN$ , so that the equal  $\angle A$  and  $L$  coincide,  $AD$  falling along  $LO$  and  $AB$  along  $LM$ .

Point  $D$  coincides with point  $O$  [ $AD = LO$  (Hyp.)].

Point  $B$  coincides with point  $M$  [ $AB = LM$  (Hyp.)].

$BC$  and  $MN$  are both  $\parallel$  to  $LO$  (Def.).

$\therefore BC$  falls along  $MN$  (Ax. 13).

$CD$  and  $NO$  are both  $\parallel$  to  $LM$  (Def.).

$\therefore CD$  falls along  $NO$  (?).

Hence  $C$  falls exactly upon  $N$  (38).

$\therefore$  the figures coincide, and are congruent (26). Q.E.D.

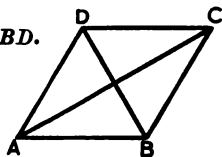
134. COROLLARY. Two rectangles are congruent if the base and the altitude of one are equal respectively to the base and the altitude of the other.

## PROPOSITION XLIV. THEOREM

135. The diagonals of a rhombus (or of a square) are perpendicular to each other, bisect each other, and bisect the angles of the rhombus (or of the square).

**Given:** Rhombus  $ABCD$ ; diagonals  $AC$ ,  $BD$ .

**To Prove:**  $AC \perp$  to  $BD$ ;  $AC$  and  $BD$  bisect each other; and they bisect  $\angle DAB$ ,  $\angle ABC$ , etc.





**Proof:** Point  $A$  is equally distant from  $B$  and  $D$  (122).  
 Point  $C$  is equally distant from  $B$  and  $D$  (?).

$\therefore AC$  is  $\perp$  to  $BD$  (88). Q.E.D.

Also  $AC$  and  $BD$  bisect each other (131). Q.E.D.

Also  $DB$  bisects  $\angle ADC$  and  $\angle ABC$  (85).

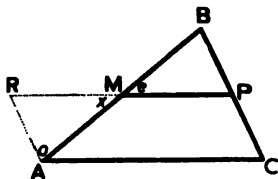
Similarly,  $AC$  bisects  $\angle DAB$  and  $\angle DCB$  (85).

Q.E.D.

### PROPOSITION XLV. THEOREM

**136. The line joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and equal to half of it.**

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $M$ , the midpoint of  $AB$ ;  $P$ , the midpoint of  $BC$ ; line  $MP$ .



**To Prove:**  $MP \parallel$  to  $AC$ ;  
 and  $MP = \frac{1}{2} AC$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $AR$  is drawn through  $A$ ,  $\parallel$  to  $BC$  and meeting  $MP$  produced, at  $R$ .

In  $\triangle ARM$  and  $BPM$ ,  $AM = BM$  (Hyp.).

$\angle x = \angle e$  (51).

$\angle o = \angle B$  (66).

$\therefore \triangle ARM$  is congruent to  $\triangle BPM$  (76).

$\therefore AR = BP$  (27).

But  $BP = PC$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore AR = PC$  (Ax. 1).

$\therefore ACPR$  is a  $\square$  (129).

Hence  $RP$ , or  $MP$ , is  $\parallel$  to  $AC$  (Def.). Q.E.D.

Also  $RP = AC$  (124).

But  $MP = RM$  (27).

$\therefore MP$ , the half of  $RP$ ,  $= \frac{1}{2} AC$  (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XLVI. THEOREM

**137.** The line bisecting one side of a triangle and parallel to a second side, bisects also the third side.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $MP$  bisecting  $AB$  and  $\parallel$  to  $AC$ .

**To Prove:**  $MP$  bisects  $BC$  also.

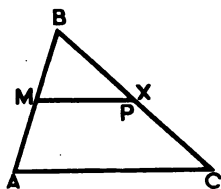
**Proof:** Suppose  $MX$  is drawn from  $M$ , the midpoint of  $AB$  to  $X$ , the midpoint of  $BC$ .

$MX$  is  $\parallel$  to  $AC$  (136).

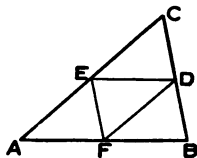
But  $MP$  is  $\parallel$  to  $AC$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore MX$  and  $MP$  coincide (Ax. 13).

That is,  $MP$  bisects  $BC$ . Q.E.D.

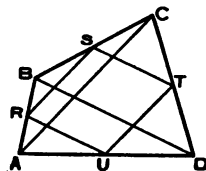


**Ex. 1.** The lines joining the midpoints of the sides of a triangle divide the triangle into four congruent triangles.

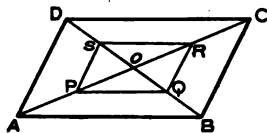


**Ex. 2.** The lines joining (in order) the midpoints of the sides of a quadrilateral form a parallelogram the sum of whose sides is equal to the sum of the diagonals of the quadrilateral.

**Ex. 3.** The lines joining (in order) the midpoints of the sides of a rectangle form a rhombus. [Draw the diagonals.]

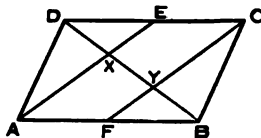


**Ex. 4.** If the four midpoints of the four halves of the diagonals of a parallelogram are joined in order, another parallelogram is formed.

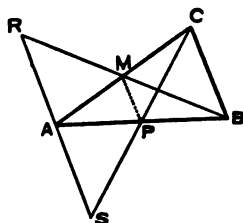


Prove this in four ways.

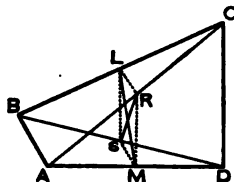
**Ex. 5.** If lines are drawn from a pair of opposite vertices of a parallelogram to the midpoints of a pair of opposite sides, they trisect the diagonal joining the other two vertices.



**Ex. 6.** If two medians are drawn from two vertices of a triangle and produced their own length beyond the opposite sides, and if these extremities are joined to the third vertex, these two lines are equal, and in the same straight line.



**Ex. 7.** The line joining the midpoints of one pair of opposite sides of a quadrilateral and the line joining the midpoints of the diagonals bisect each other.



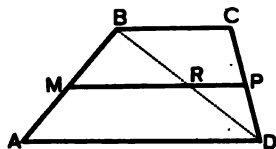
### PROPOSITION XLVII. THEOREM

**138.** The line bisecting one leg of a trapezoid and parallel to the base bisects the other leg, is the median, and is equal to half the sum of the bases.

**Given:** Trapezoid  $ABCD$ ;  $M$ , the midpoint of  $AB$ ;  $MP \parallel$  to  $AD$ , meeting  $CD$  at  $P$ .

**To Prove:**

- I.  $P$  is the midpoint of  $CD$ .
- II.  $MP$  is the median.
- III.  $MP = \frac{1}{2}(AD + BC)$ .



**Proof:** I. Draw diagonal  $BD$ , meeting  $MP$  at  $R$ .

$$MP \text{ is } \parallel \text{ to } BC \quad (63).$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ABD, \quad MR \text{ bisects } BD \quad (137).$$

$$\text{In } \triangle BDC, \quad RP \text{ bisects } CD \quad (?).$$

$$\text{That is,} \quad P \text{ is the midpoint of } CD. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

$$\text{II. } MP \text{ is the median} \quad (\text{Def. 123}). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

$$\text{III. In } \triangle ABD, \quad MR = \frac{1}{2} AD \quad (136).$$

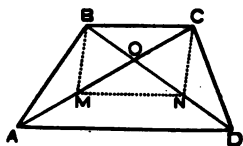
$$\text{Also, in } \triangle BDC, \quad RP = \frac{1}{2} BC \quad (?).$$

$$\text{Adding,} \quad \therefore MP = \frac{1}{2}(AD + BC) \quad (\text{Ax. 2}).$$

Q.E.D.

**139. COROLLARY.** The median of a trapezoid is parallel to the bases and equal to half their sum.

**Ex. 1.** In a trapezoid one of whose bases is double the other, the diagonals intersect at a point two thirds of the distance from each end of the longer base to the opposite vertex.

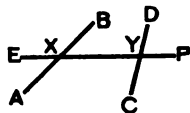


**Proof:** Take  $M$ , the midpoint of  $AO$  (136), etc.

**Ex. 2.** If one angle of a triangle is double another, the line from the third vertex, making with the longer adjacent side an angle equal to the less given angle, divides the triangle into two isosceles triangles.



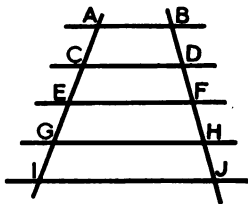
**NOTE.** The verb "*to intersect*" means merely "*to cut*." In geometry, the verb "*to intercept*" means "*to include between*." Thus the statement " $AB$  and  $CD$  intercept  $XY$  on the line  $EF$ " really means, " $AB$  and  $CD$  intersect  $EF$  and include  $XY$ , a part of  $EF$ , between them."



### PROPOSITION XLVIII. THEOREM

**140. Parallels intercepting equal parts on one transversal intercept equal parts on any transversal.**

**Given:**  $\parallel AB, CD, EF, GH, IJ$  intercepting equal parts  $AC, CE, EG, GI$ , on the transversal  $AI$ , and cutting transversal  $BJ$ .



**To Prove:**  $BD = DF = FH = HJ$ .

**Proof:** The figure  $ABFE$  is a trapezoid

$CD$  bisects  $AE$  and is  $\parallel$  to  $EF$

$\therefore D$  is midpoint of  $BF$

(?).

(Hyp.).

(?).

That is,

$$BD = DF.$$

Similarly,  $CDHG$  is a trapezoid and  $DF = FH$ .

Similarly,  $FH = HJ$ .  $\therefore BD = DF = FH = HJ$

(Ax. 1).

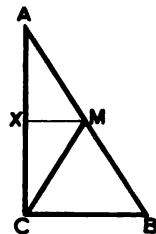
Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XLIX. THEOREM

141. The midpoint of the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equally distant from the three vertices.

Given: Rt.  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $M$ , the midpoint of the hypotenuse  $AB$ .

To Prove:  $AM = CM = BM$ .



Proof: Suppose  $MX$  drawn  $\parallel$  to  $BC$ , meeting  $AC$  at  $X$ .

$X$  is the midpoint of  $AC$  (137).

$MX$  is  $\perp$  to  $AC$  (64).

$\therefore AM = CM$  (80).

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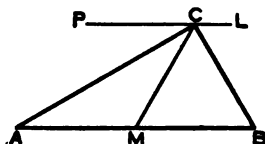
$AM = BM$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore AM = CM = BM$  (Ax. 1).

Q.E.D.

Ex. 1. Any right triangle can be divided by one line into two isosceles triangles.

Ex. 2. If through the vertex of the right angle of a right triangle a line is drawn parallel to the hypotenuse, the legs of the right triangle bisect the angles formed by this parallel and the median drawn to the hypotenuse.

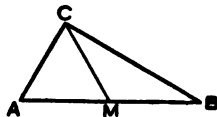


Ex. 3. If one leg of a trapezoid is perpendicular to the bases, the midpoint of the other leg is equally distant from the ends of the first leg. [Draw the median.]

Ex. 4. The median of a trapezoid bisects both the diagonals.

Ex. 5. The line joining the midpoints of the diagonals of a trapezoid is a part of the median, is parallel to the bases, and is equal to half their difference.

Ex. 6. If the median of a triangle is equal to half the side to which it is drawn, it is a right triangle.



Ex. 7. The line (prolonged if necessary) joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle, bisects the altitude drawn to the third side.

**Ex. 8.** If one acute angle of a right triangle is double the other, the hypotenuse is double the shorter leg.

**Proof:** Use fig. of 141. Denote  $\angle A$  by  $x$ ,  
then

$$\angle B = 2x \text{ and } x = 30^\circ \quad (?)$$

$$AM = MC = BM \quad (141).$$

$$\therefore \angle BCM = \angle B = 60^\circ \quad (55).$$

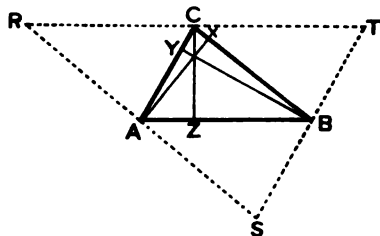
$$\therefore \angle BMC = 60^\circ \quad (104).$$

$$\therefore MB = BC \quad (115).$$

$$\therefore AB, \text{ or } 2 \times MB, = 2 \times CB \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

### PROPOSITION L. THEOREM

**142.** The perpendiculars from the vertices of a triangle to the opposite sides meet in a point.



**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $AX \perp$  to  $BC$ ,  $BY \perp$  to  $AC$ , and  $CZ \perp$  to  $AB$ .

**To Prove:** These three  $\perp$  meet in a point.

**Proof:** Through  $A$  suppose  $RS$  drawn  $\parallel$  to  $BC$ ; through  $B$ ,  $TS \parallel$  to  $AC$ ; through  $C$ ,  $RT \parallel$  to  $AB$ , forming  $\triangle RST$ .

The figure  $ABCR$  is a  $\square$  (Const.).

and  $ABTC$  is a  $\square$  (?).

$$RC = AB \text{ and } CT = AB \quad (124).$$

$$\therefore RC = CT \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Now

$$CZ \text{ is } \perp \text{ to } RT \quad (64).$$

That is,

$$CZ \text{ is } \perp \text{ bisector of } RT.$$

Similarly,

$$AX \text{ is } \perp \text{ bisector of } RS.$$

And

$$BY \text{ is } \perp \text{ bisector of } TS.$$

$$\therefore \text{ in } \triangle RST, AX, BY, CZ \text{ meet at a point} \quad (100).$$

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION LI. THEOREM

**143. The three medians of a triangle meet in a point which is two thirds the distance from any vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side.**

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ , medians  $AF$ ,  $BD$  and  $CE$ , the latter two meeting at  $O$ . (Fig. 1.)

**To Prove:**  $BO = \frac{2}{3} BD$ ;  $CO = \frac{2}{3} CE$ ;  $AO = \frac{2}{3} AF$  and that all three medians meet at  $O$ .

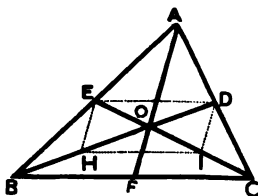


FIG. 1.

**Proof:** Suppose  $H$  is midpoint of  $BO$  and  $I$  is the midpoint of  $CO$ . Draw  $ED$ ,  $DI$ ,  $IH$ ,  $HE$ .

In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $ED$  is  $\parallel$  to  $BC$  and  $= \frac{1}{2} BC$  (136).

In  $\triangle OBC$ ,  $HI$  is  $\parallel$  to  $BC$  and  $= \frac{1}{2} BC$  (136).

$\therefore ED = HI$  (Ax. 1); and  $ED$  is  $\parallel$  to  $HI$  (63).

$\therefore EDIH$  is a  $\square$  (129).

$\therefore HO = OD$  and  $IO = OE$  (131).

$\therefore BH = HO = OD$  and  $CI = IO = OE$  (Ax. 1).

That is,  $BO = \frac{2}{3} BD$  and  $CO = \frac{2}{3} CE$ .

Suppose  $AF$  meets  $BD$  at  $O'$ . (Fig. 2.)

Then  $BO = \frac{2}{3} BD$  (Proved above).

And  $BO' = \frac{2}{3} BD$  (Proved similarly).

$\therefore BO = BO'$  (Ax. 1).

That is,  $O$  and  $O'$  are the same point, and the three medians meet at  $O$ , which is  $\frac{2}{3}$  the distance from any vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side. Q. E. D.

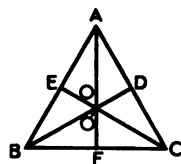
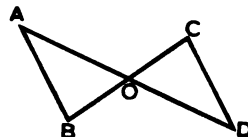


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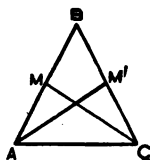
**Ex. 1.** If two lines ( $AB$  and  $CD$ ) are equal and parallel, the lines connecting their opposite ends bisect each other.

**Ex. 2.** If the bisector of one angle of a triangle is perpendicular to the opposite side, the triangle is isosceles.

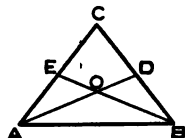


**Ex. 3.** The median of an isosceles triangle is perpendicular to the base.

**Ex. 4.** The medians from the ends of the base of an isosceles triangle are equal.

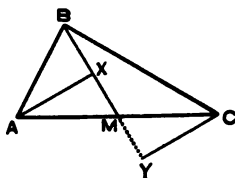


**Ex. 5.** If a triangle has two equal medians, it is isosceles.



**Ex. 6.** If  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle and  $D, E, F$  are points on the sides, such that  $AD = BE = CF$ , triangle  $DEF$  is also equilateral.

**Ex. 7.** Any two vertices of a triangle are equally distant from the median from the third vertex.



**Ex. 8.** The lines bisecting two interior angles that a transversal makes with one of two parallels cut off equal segments on the other parallel from the point at which the transversal meets it. [The  $\Delta$  formed are isosceles.]

## POLYGONS

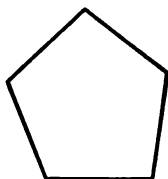
**144.** A **polygon** is a portion of a plane bounded by straight lines. The lines are called the **sides**. The points of intersection of the sides are the **vertices**. The **angles** of a polygon are the angles at the vertices.

**145.** The **number** of sides of a polygon is the same as the number of its vertices or the number of its angles. An **exterior angle** of a polygon is an angle without the polygon, between one side of the polygon and another side prolonged.

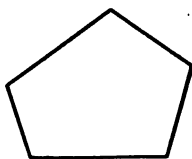
**146.** An **equilateral polygon** has all its sides equal to one another. An **equiangular polygon** has all its angles equal to one another.



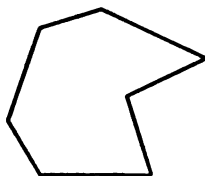
**147.** A **convex polygon** is a polygon no side of which if produced will enter the surface bounded by the sides of the polygon. A **concave polygon** is a polygon at least two sides of which if produced will enter the surface of the polygon.



EQUILATERAL



EQUIANGULAR

CONCAVE, OR  
REËNTRANT

CONVEX POLYGONS

**NOTE.** A polygon may be equilateral and not be equiangular; or it may be equiangular and not be equilateral. The word "polygon" usually signifies *convex* figures.

**148.** Two polygons are **mutually equiangular** if for every angle of the one there is an equal angle in the other and similarly placed. Two polygons are **mutually equilateral**, if for every side of the one there is an equal side in the other, and similarly placed.

**149.** **Homologous angles** in two mutually equiangular polygons are the pairs of equal angles. **Homologous sides** in two polygons are the sides between two pairs of homologous angles.

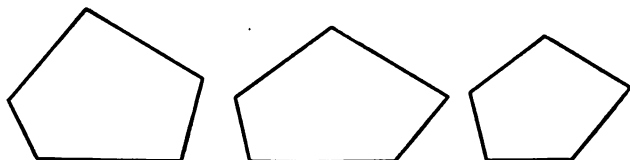
**150.** Two **polygons** are **congruent** if they are mutually equiangular and their homologous sides are equal; or if they are composed of triangles, equal each to each and similarly placed. (Because in either case the polygons can be made to coincide.)

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**Ex. 1.** If a quadrilateral has three equal sides, is it necessarily a parallelogram? a trapezoid?

**Ex. 2.** Two quadrilaterals are congruent if three sides and the two included angles of one are equal respectively to three corresponding sides and the two included angles of the other.

**151.** Two polygons may be mutually equiangular without being mutually equilateral; also, they may be mutually equilateral without being mutually equiangular — except in the case of triangles.



The first two figures are mutually equilateral, but *not* mutually equiangular. The last two figures are mutually equiangular, but *not* mutually equilateral.

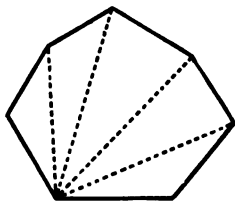
- 152.** A 3-sided polygon is a triangle.  
 A 4-sided polygon is a quadrilateral.  
 A 5-sided polygon is a pentagon.  
 A 6-sided polygon is a hexagon.  
 A 7-sided polygon is a heptagon.  
 An 8-sided polygon is an octagon.  
 A 10-sided polygon is a decagon.  
 A 12-sided polygon is a dodecagon.  
 A 15-sided polygon is a pentadecagon.  
 An  $n$ -sided polygon is called an  $n$ -gon.

### PROPOSITION LII. THEOREM

**153.** The sum of the interior angles of an  $n$ -gon is equal to  $(n - 2)$  times  $180^\circ$ .

**Given:** A polygon having  $n$  sides.

**To Prove:** The sum of its interior  $\angle = (n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$ .



**Proof:** If all possible diagonals are drawn from any vertex it is evident that there are formed  $(n - 2)$  triangles.

The sum of the  $\angle$  of one  $\triangle = 180^\circ$  (104).

$\therefore$  the sum of the  $\angle$ s of  $(n-2) \triangle = (n-2) 180^\circ$  (Ax. 3).

The sum of  $\angle$ s of the  $\triangle =$  sum of  $\angle$ s of  $n$ -gon (Ax. 4).

$\therefore$  the sum of  $\angle$ s of the  $n$ -gon  $= (n-2) \cdot 180^\circ$  (Ax. 1). Q.E.D.

**154. COROLLARY.** The sum of the interior angles of an  $n$ -gon is equal to  $180^\circ \cdot n - 360^\circ$ .

**155. COROLLARY.** Each angle of an equiangular  $n$ -gon  

$$= \frac{(n-2) 180^\circ}{n}$$

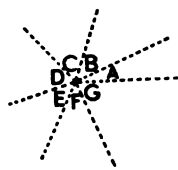
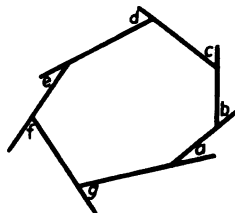
**156. COROLLARY.** The sum of the angles of any quadrilateral is equal to four right angles.

**157. COROLLARY.** If three angles of a quadrilateral are right angles, the figure is a rectangle.

### PROPOSITION LIII. THEOREM

**158.** If the sides of a polygon are produced in order, one at each vertex, the sum of the exterior angles of the polygon equals four right angles, that is,  $360^\circ$ .

**Given:** A polygon with sides prolonged in succession forming the several exterior angles  $a, b, c, d$ , etc.



**To Prove:**  $\angle a + \angle b + \angle c + \angle d + \text{etc.} = 4 \text{ rt. } \angle = 360^\circ$ .

**Proof:** Suppose at any point in the plane, lines are drawn parallel to the several sides of the given polygon, extending in the same direction, and forming  $\angle$ s  $A, B, C, D$ , etc.

Then  $\angle A + \angle B + \angle C + \angle D + \angle E + \text{etc.} = 4 \text{ rt. } \angle$  (47).

But  $\angle A = \angle a, \angle B = \angle b, \angle C = \angle c, \angle D = \angle d$ , etc. (74).

Substituting,

$\angle a + \angle b + \angle c + \angle d + \text{etc.} = 4 \text{ rt. } \angle = 360^\circ$  (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

**159. COROLLARY.** Each exterior angle of an equiangular polygon is equal to  $\frac{4 \text{ rt. } \angle}{n}$ , that is, to  $\frac{360^\circ}{n}$ .

**160. COROLLARY.** The sum of the exterior angles of a polygon is independent of the number of its sides.

**Ex. 1.** How many degrees are there in the sum of all the angles of a pentagon? of a decagon? of a dodecagon?

**Ex. 2.** How many degrees are there in each angle of an equiangular hexagon? of an equiangular octagon?

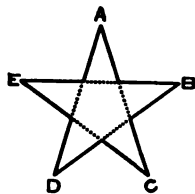
**Ex. 3.** How many degrees are there in each exterior angle of an equiangular pentagon? of an equiangular hexagon? 16-gon?

**Ex. 4.** How many sides has the polygon the sum of whose interior angles exceeds the sum of its exterior angles by  $900^\circ$ ?

**Ex. 5.** The sum of the angles at the vertices of a five-pointed star (pentagram) is equal to two right angles.

**Ex. 6.** If two angles of a quadrilateral are supplementary, the other two are supplementary.

**Ex. 7.** If from any point within an angle perpendiculars to the sides are drawn, they include an angle which is the supplement of the given angle.



**Ex. 8.** If a quadrilateral has four equal sides, what kind is it?

**Ex. 9.** Can a trapezoid have three equal sides? a trapezium?

**Ex. 10.** A colt is tied, by a chain 30 ft. long, to the four corners of a lot 60 ft. square, on four successive days. Using a scale of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. to the foot, draw a diagram showing the area over which the colt grazes during these four days. Draw another diagram, using the same scale, for a chain 15 ft. long; 40 ft. long.

**Ex. 11.** A calf is tied by a chain 20 ft. long, to the four corners of a barn 40 ft. square, on four successive days and allowed to graze in the adjoining pasture. Using a scale of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. to the foot, draw a diagram showing the area grazed over at the end of the fourth day. Draw another diagram, using the same scale, for a chain 15 ft. long; 25 ft. long.

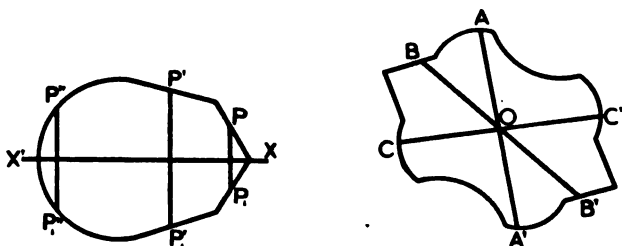
## SYMMETRY

**161.** A figure is **symmetrical** with respect to a **line** if, by using that line as an axis, the part of the figure on one side of the line may be folded over, and will exactly coincide with the part on the other side. This line is an **axis of symmetry**.

**162.** A figure is **symmetrical** with respect to a **point** if this point bisects every line drawn through it and terminated (both ways) in the boundary of the figure.

This point is the **center of symmetry**.

**163.** It is evident that the axis of symmetry bisects at right angles every line joining two symmetrical points; and that the center of symmetry bisects every line joining any pair of points symmetrical with respect to it.



Examples of symmetry are given in these figures.

First figure is symmetrical with respect to  $XX'$  as an axis. (Why?)

Second figure is symmetrical with respect to  $O$  as a center. (Why?)

$P$  and  $P_1'$  are symmetrical with respect to  $XX'$  as an axis. (Why?)

$A$  and  $A'$ ,  $B$  and  $B'$ , etc. are symmetrical with respect to  $O$  as a center. (Why?)  $XX'$  is  $\perp$  to  $P'P_1'$  and bisects it.  $AO = A'O$ ,  $BO = B'O$ , etc.

**Ex. 1.** Is the altitude of an isosceles triangle an axis of symmetry? the altitude of a scalene triangle?

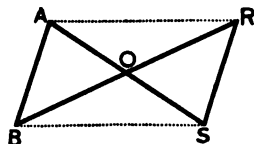
**Ex. 2.** Is the diagonal of a rhomboid an axis of symmetry? of a square?

**Ex. 3.** Has any triangle a center of symmetry? a parallelogram?

## PROPOSITION LIV. THEOREM

164. If two lines are symmetrical with respect to a center, they are equal and parallel.

**Given:**  $AB$  and  $RS$  symmetrical with respect to  $O$ , that is, every line through  $O$ , terminated in  $AB$  and  $RS$ , is bisected at  $O$ ;  $AS$  and  $BR$ , two such lines.



**To Prove:**  $AB = RS$  and  $AB \parallel$  to  $RS$ .

**Proof:** Draw  $AB$  and  $BS$ .  $AO = OS$  and  $BO = OR$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore ABSR$  is a  $\square$  (132).

$\therefore AB = RS$  (124).

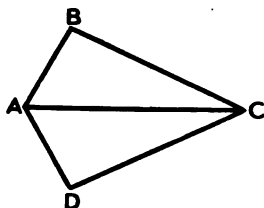
Also  $AB$  is  $\parallel$  to  $RS$  (Def. 120).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION LV. THEOREM

165. If a diagonal of a quadrilateral bisects two of its angles, this diagonal is an axis of symmetry.

**Given:** Quadrilateral  $ABCD$ ;  $AC$  a diagonal bisecting  $\angle BAD$  and  $\angle BCD$ .



**To Prove:**  $ABCD$  symmetrical with respect to  $AC$ .

**Proof:** In  $\triangle ABC$  and  $ADC$ ,  $AC = AC$  (?).

$\angle BAC = \angle DAC$  and  $\angle BCA = \angle DCA$  (?).

$\therefore \triangle ABC$  is congruent to  $\triangle ADC$  (?).

$\therefore AC$  is an axis of symmetry (161).

Q.E.D.

166. COROLLARY. The diagonal of a square or of a rhombus is an axis of symmetry.

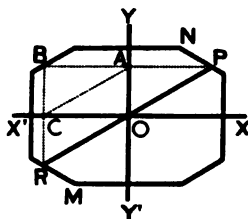
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**Ex.** The point of intersection of the diagonals of a parallelogram is a center of symmetry. Prove.

PROPOSITION LVI. THEOREM

167. If a figure is symmetrical with respect to two perpendicular axes, it is symmetrical with respect to their intersection as a center.

**Given:** Figure  $MN$  symmetrical with respect to the  $\perp$  axes  $XX'$  and  $YY'$  which intersect at  $O$ .



**To Prove:** Figure  $MN$  is symmetrical with respect to  $O$  as a center.

**Proof:** Take any point  $P$  in the boundary. Draw  $PB \perp$  to  $YY'$ , intersecting  $YY'$  at  $A$  and meeting the boundary at  $B$ . Draw  $BR \perp$  to  $XX'$ , intersecting  $XX'$  at  $C$  and meeting the boundary at  $R$ . Draw  $AC$ ,  $OP$ ,  $OR$ .

[The demonstration is accomplished by proving  $POR$  a straight line, bisected at  $O$ .]

$$PB \text{ is } \parallel \text{ to } XX' \text{ and } BR \text{ is } \parallel \text{ to } YY' \quad (62).$$

$$\therefore ABCO \text{ is a } \square \quad (\text{Def.}).$$

$$\therefore BC = AO \quad (124).$$

$$\text{But } BC = CR \quad (161).$$

$$\therefore AO = CR \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

$$\text{Hence } ACRO \text{ is a } \square \quad (129).$$

$$\therefore RO = CA \quad (124).$$

$$\text{Also } RO \text{ is } \parallel \text{ to } CA \quad (120).$$

$$\text{Similarly, } ACOP \text{ may be proved a } \square.$$

$$\therefore PO \text{ is } = \text{ to } AC \text{ and } \parallel \text{ to } AC.$$

$$\text{Hence } POR \text{ is a straight line} \quad (\text{Ax. 13}).$$

$$\text{And } PO = RO \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

But  $P$  is *any* point in the boundary, so  $POR$  is *any* line through  $O$ .

$$\therefore O \text{ is a center of symmetry} \quad (161).$$

Q.E.D.

**Ex.** Prove that no triangle can have a center of symmetry.

## CONCERNING ORIGINAL EXERCISES

**168.** In the original work which this text contains, the pupil is expected to state the hypothesis and the conclusion of each theorem, and to apply them to an appropriate figure ; also to give a complete and logical statement of the proof, with a reason for every statement.

In many of these exercises, suggestions are made and such assistance is given as experience has shown to be needed by average pupils. This is done in order to encourage definite accomplishment, which is one of the greatest incentives to further effort.

To apply the knowledge acquired from the preceding pages is now the student's task. His interest in this science will depend largely on the success of his efforts to prove originals.

The student should not draw a special figure for a general proposition. That is, if "triangle" is specified, he should draw a scalene and not an isosceles or a right triangle ; and if "quadrilateral" is mentioned, he should draw a trapezium and not a parallelogram or a square.

## SUMMARY. GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR ATTACKING EXERCISES

**169.** A triangle is proved isosceles by showing that it contains two equal sides, or two equal angles.

**170.** A triangle is proved a right triangle by showing that one of its angles is a right angle, or that two of its angles are complementary, or that one of its angles is equal to the sum of the other two.

**171.** Right triangles are proved congruent by showing that they have :

- (1) Hypotenuse and acute angle of one equal etc.
- (2) Hypotenuse and leg of one equal etc.
- (3) The legs of one equal etc.
- (4) Leg and adjoining angle of one equal etc.
- (5) Leg and opposite angle of one equal etc.



**172. Oblique triangles** are proved congruent by showing that they have :

- (1) Two sides and the included angle of one equal etc.
- (2) One side and the adjoining angles of one equal etc.
- (3) Three sides of one equal etc.

**173. Angles** are proved equal by showing that they are :

- (1) Equal to the same or to equal angles.
- (2) Halves or doubles of equals.
- (3) Vertical angles.
- (4) Complements or supplements of equals.
- (5) Homologous parts of congruent figures.
- (6) Base angles of an isosceles triangle.
- (7) Corresponding angles, alternate interior angles, etc., of parallels.
- (8) Angles whose sides are respectively parallel or perpendicular.
- (9) Third angles of triangles which have two angles of one equal etc.

**174. Lines** are proved equal by showing that they are :

- (1) Equal to the same or to equal lines.
- (2) Halves or doubles of equals.
- (3) Distances to the ends of a line from any point in its perpendicular bisector.
- (4) Homologous parts of congruent figures.
- (5) Sides of an isosceles triangle.
- (6) Distances to the sides of an angle from any point in its bisector.
- (7) Opposite sides of a parallelogram.
- (8) The parts of one diagonal of a parallelogram made by the other.

**175. Two lines** are proved **perpendicular** by showing that they:

- (1) Make equal adjacent angles with each other.
- (2) Are legs of a right triangle.
- (3) Have two points in one, each equally distant from the ends of the other.

**176. Two lines** are proved **parallel** by:

- (1) The customary angle relations of parallel lines.
- (2) Showing that they are opposite sides of a parallelogram.
- (3) Showing that they are parallel or perpendicular to a third line.

**177.** Two lines, or two angles, are proved **unequal** by the usual axioms and theorems pertaining to inequalities.

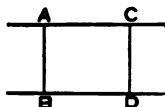
[See especially, Ax. 5; Ax. 12; 81, 86, 87, 88, III, 91, 92, 103, 116, 118.]

### ORIGINAL EXERCISES

1. Parallel lines are everywhere equally distant.

Given:  $\parallel AC$  and  $BD$ ;  $AB$  and  $CD \perp$  to  $AC$ .

To Prove:  $AB = CD$ .



2. If two lines in a plane are everywhere equally distant, they are parallel.

3. The bisectors of any two consecutive angles of a parallelogram meet at right angles.

4. The line drawn from any point in the base of an isosceles triangle to the opposite vertex is less than either leg.

5. If  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle and each side is produced (in order) the same distance, so that  $AD = BE = CF$ , the triangle  $DEF$  is equilateral.

6. If  $ABCD$  is a square and the sides are produced (in order) the same distance, so that  $AE = BF = CG = DH$ , the figure  $EFGH$  is a square.

7. The two lines joining the midpoints of the opposite sides of a quadrilateral bisect each other. [Join the 4 midpoints (in order), etc.]

8. If two adjacent angles of a quadrilateral are right angles, the bisectors of the other angles are perpendicular to each other.

9. If two opposite angles of a quadrilateral are right angles, the bisectors of the other angles are parallel.

10. Two isosceles triangles are congruent, if:

(1) The base and one of the adjoining angles in the one are equal respectively to the base and one of the adjoining angles in the other.

(2) A leg and one of the base angles in the one are equal respectively to a leg and one of the base angles in the other.

(3) The base and vertex angle in one are equal to the same in the other.

(4) A leg and vertex angle in one are equal to the same in the other.

(5) A leg and the base in one are equal to the same in the other.

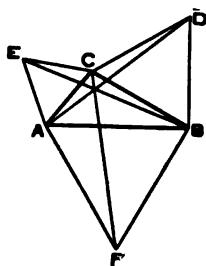
11. If upon the three sides of any triangle equilateral triangles are constructed (externally) and a line is drawn from each vertex of the given triangle to the farthest vertex of the opposite equilateral triangle, these three lines are equal.

**Proof:**  $\angle EAC = \angle BAF$  (?). Add to each of these  $\angle CAB$ .

$\therefore \angle EAB = \angle CAF$  (?).

Then prove  $\triangle EAB$  and  $\triangle CAF$  congruent.

Similarly,  $\triangle CAD$  is congruent to  $\triangle CEB$ . Etc.



12. The sum of the diagonals of any quadrilateral is less than the sum of the four sides, but greater than half that sum.

13. The difference between two sides of a triangle is less than the third side.

14. The bisectors of the exterior angles of a rectangle form a square.

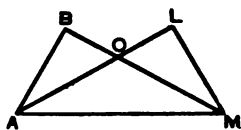
15. The bisectors of the equal angles of an isosceles triangle (terminating in the equal sides) are equal.

16. The median to the base of an isosceles triangle bisects the vertex angle.

17. The perpendiculars to the legs of an isosceles triangle from the midpoint of the base are equal.

18. State and prove the converse of Ex. 17.

19. If  $AB = LM$  and  $AL = BM$ ,  $\angle B = \angle L$  and  $\angle BAO = \angle OML$  and  $BO = OL$ .



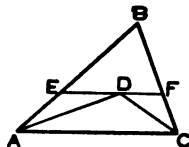
20. The bisectors of a pair of corresponding angles are parallel.

21. If two lines are cut by a transversal and the exterior angles on the same side of the transversal are supplementary, the lines are parallel.

22. The bisectors of a pair of vertical angles are in the same straight line.

23. The midpoint of a diagonal of a parallelogram is a center of symmetry.

24. If the base angles of a triangle are bisected and through the intersection of the bisectors a line is drawn parallel to the base and terminating in the sides, this line is equal to the sum of the parts of the sides it meets, between it and the base.



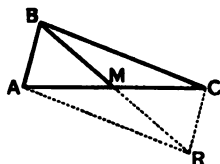
25. In two congruent triangles, homologous medians are equal; homologous altitudes are equal; homologous bisectors are equal.

26. If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, the two exterior angles on the same side of the transversal are supplementary.

27. If from a point a perpendicular is drawn to each of two parallels, they are in the same line.  
[Draw a third  $\parallel$  through the point.]

28. The median to one side of a triangle is less than half the sum of the other two sides.

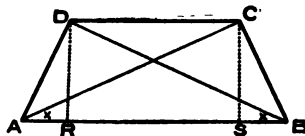
**Proof:** Produce median  $BM$  to  $R$ , so that  $MR = BM$ , draw  $AR$  and  $CR$ . Fig. is  $\square$ . (?) Etc.



29. The sum of the medians of a triangle is less than the sum of the sides of the triangle.

30. If the diagonals of a trapezoid are equal, it is isosceles.

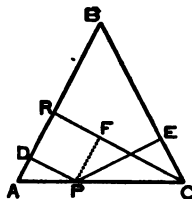
[Draw  $DR$  and  $CS \perp$  to  $AB$ ; and prove rt.  $\triangle ACS$  and  $BDR$  congruent, to get  $\angle x = \angle x$ .]



31. If a perpendicular is drawn from each vertex of a parallelogram to any line outside the parallelogram, the sum of the  $\perp$  from one pair of opposite vertices equals the sum of the  $\perp$  from the other pair.

32. The sum of the perpendiculars to the legs of an isosceles triangle from any point in the base equals the altitude upon one of the legs. (That is, the sum of the perpendiculars from any point in the base of an isosceles triangle to the equal sides remains a uniform length for every point of the base.)

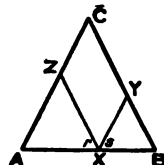
[Prove  $PE = CF$ .]



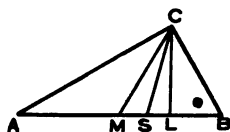
33. The sum of the three perpendiculars drawn from any point within an equilateral triangle, to the three sides, remains a uniform length for all positions of the point.

[Draw a line through this point  $\parallel$  to one side; draw the altitude of the  $\triangle \perp$  to this line and side; prove the sum of the three  $\perp$  equals this altitude and hence equals a constant.]

34. If from any point in the base of an isosceles triangle parallels to the equal sides are drawn, the sum of the sides of the parallelogram formed is equal to the sum of the legs of the triangle.



35. The bisector of the right angle of a right triangle is also the bisector of the angle formed by the median and the altitude drawn from the same vertex.

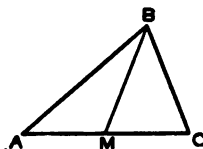


To Prove:  $\angle MCS = \angle LCS$ .

Proof:  $\angle ACS = \angle BCS$  (?);  $\angle ACM = \angle BCL$  (?). Now use Ax. 2.

36. If the vertex angle of an isosceles triangle is equal to the sum of the base angles, any line perpendicular to the base forms with the sides of the given triangle (one side to be produced) three isosceles right triangles.

37. If two sides of a triangle are unequal and the median to the third side is drawn, the angles formed with the base are unequal.



38. State and prove the converse of Ex. 37.

39. If the opposite sides of a hexagon are equal and parallel, the three diagonals drawn between opposite vertices meet in a point.

40. In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AD$  is perpendicular to  $BC$ , meeting it at  $D$ ;  $E$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ , and  $F$  of  $AC$ ; the angle  $EDF$  is equal to the angle  $EAF$ .

41. If the diagonals of a quadrilateral are equal, and also one pair of opposite sides, two of the four triangles into which the quadrilateral is divided by the diagonals are isosceles.

42. If angle  $A$  of triangle  $ABC$  equals three times angle  $B$ , there can be drawn a line  $AD$  meeting  $BC$  in  $D$ , such that the triangles  $ABD$  and  $ACD$  are isosceles.

43. If  $E$  is the midpoint of side  $BC$  of parallelogram  $ABCD$ ,  $AE$  and  $BD$  meet at a point two thirds the distance from  $A$  to  $E$  and from  $D$  to  $B$ .

44. If in triangle  $ABC$ , in which  $AB$  is not equal to  $AC$ ,  $AC'$  is taken on  $AB$  (produced if necessary) equal to  $AC$ , and  $AB'$  is taken on  $AC$  (produced if necessary) equal to  $AB$ , and  $B'C'$  is drawn meeting  $BC$  at  $D$ , then  $AD$  bisects angle  $BAC$ .

Proof:  $\triangle ABC$  is congruent to  $\triangle AB'C'$  (?) (52).  $\therefore$  their homologous parts are equal. Thus prove that  $\triangle BC'D$  is congruent to  $\triangle B'CD$ . Etc.

45. If a diagonal of a parallelogram bisects one angle, it also bisects the opposite angle.

47. If a diagonal of a parallelogram bisects one angle, the figure is equilateral.

48. Any line drawn through the point of intersection of the diagonals of a parallelogram divides the figure into two congruent quadrilaterals.

49. If  $AR$  bisects angle  $A$  of triangle  $ABC$  and  $AT$  bisects the exterior angle at  $A$ , any line parallel to  $AB$ , having its extremities in  $AR$  and  $AT$ , is bisected by  $AC$ .

50. If the opposite angles of a quadrilateral are equal, the figure is a parallelogram.

51. If, in isosceles triangle  $XYZ$ ,  $AD$  is drawn from  $A$ , the midpoint of  $YZ$ , perpendicular to the base  $XZ$ ,  $DZ = \frac{1}{2} XZ$ . [Draw alt. from  $Y$ .]

52. If  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle, if the bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  meet at  $D$ , if  $DE$  is drawn parallel to  $AB$  meeting  $AC$  at  $E$ , and  $DF$ , parallel to  $BC$  meeting  $AC$  at  $F$ , then  $AE = ED = EF = DF = CF$ .

53. If  $A$  is any point in  $RS$  of triangle  $RST$ , and  $B$  is the midpoint of  $RA$ ,  $C$  the midpoint of  $AS$ ,  $D$  the midpoint of  $ST$ , and  $E$  the midpoint of  $TR$ , then  $BCDE$  is a parallelogram.

54. If lines are drawn from any vertex of a parallelogram to the midpoints of the two opposite sides, they divide the diagonal which they intersect into three equal parts.

**Proof:** Draw the other diagonal.

55. If the interior and exterior angles at two vertices of a triangle are bisected, a quadrilateral is formed, having two of its angles right angles and the other two supplementary.

56. The four bisectors of the angles of a quadrilateral form a second quadrilateral whose opposite angles are supplementary.

**Proof:** Extend a pair of opposite sides of the given quadrilateral to meet at  $X$ . Bisect the base angles of the new  $\Delta$  formed, meeting at  $O$ . Then show that  $\angle O$  equals one of the  $\angle$ s between the given bisectors, and  $\angle O$  is supplementary to the angle opposite.

## BOOK II

### THE CIRCLE

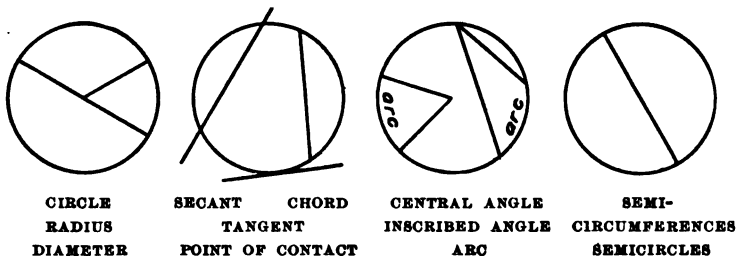
178. A **curved line** is a line no part of which is straight.

179. A **circle** is a plane curve all points of which are equally distant from a point in the plane, called the **center**.

180. The length of the circle is called the **circumference**.

181. A **radius** is a straight line drawn from the center to any point of the circle.

A **diameter** is a straight line that contains the center, and the extremities of which are in the circle.



A **secant** is a straight line cutting the circle in two points.

A **chord** is a straight line the extremities of which are in the circle.

A **tangent** is a straight line which touches the circle at only one point, and does not cut it, however far it may be extended. The point at which the line touches the circle is called the **point of contact** or the **point of tangency**.

A **common tangent** to two circles is a line tangent to both of them.

**182.** A **central angle** is an angle formed by two radii.

An **inscribed angle** is an angle whose vertex is on the circle and whose sides are chords.

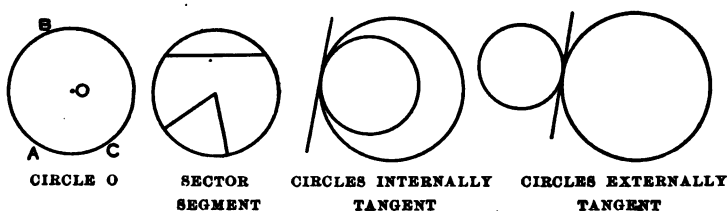
**183.** An **arc** is any part of a circle.

A **semicircle** is an arc equal to half a circle.

A **quadrant** is an arc equal to one fourth of a circle.

**Equal circles** are circles having equal radii.

**Concentric circles** are circles having the same center.



**NOTE.** A circle is named either by its center or by three of its points as "the  $\odot O$ ," or "the  $\odot ABC$ ."

**184.** A **sector** is the figure bounded by two radii and their included arc.

A **segment** is the figure bounded by an arc and its chord.

**185.** Two circles are **tangent** to each other if they are tangent to the same line at the same point. Circles may be tangent to each other **internally**, if the one is within the other, or **externally**, if each is without the other.

**186. POSTULATE.** A circle can be described about any given point as center and with any given line as radius.

**Subtend** is used in the sense of "to cut off." A chord **subtends** an arc. Hence an arc is **subtended** by a chord.

An **angle** is said to **intercept** the arc between its sides. Hence an arc is **intercepted** by an angle.

The **hypothesis** is contained in what constitutes the subject of the principal verb of the theorem.



## PRELIMINARY THEOREMS

187. THEOREM. All radii of the same circle are equal. (179.)

188. THEOREM. All radii of equal circles are equal. (183.)

189. THEOREM. The diameter of a circle equals twice the radius.

190. THEOREM. All diameters of the same or of equal circles are equal. (Ax. 3.)

191. THEOREM. The diameter of a circle bisects the circle.

Given : Any  $\odot$  and a diameter.

To Prove : The diameter bisects the circle.

Proof : Suppose one segment folded over upon the other segment, using the diameter as an axis. If the arcs do not coincide, there are points of the circle unequally distant from the center. But this is impossible (179).

$\therefore$  the arcs coincide and are equal (26).

Q.E.D.

192. THEOREM. With a given point as center and a given line as radius, it is possible to describe only one circle. (179.)

That is, a circle is determined if its center and radius are fixed.

**Historical Note.** Archimedes was born at Syracuse, Sicily, during the third century B.C. He is regarded as the greatest mathematician of antiquity, and probably of all time, save only that modern wizard, Sir Isaac Newton. He was educated in Egypt and won the respect and admiration of the king, Hiero, for his exceptional genius in the construction of mechanical devices and mathematical formulas. These included the measurement of the circle (circumference and area), the cone, the cylinder, and the sphere. To him is given credit also for the discovery of specific gravity. Cicero relates his discovery of the tomb of Archimedes over a century after his burial in Syracuse.

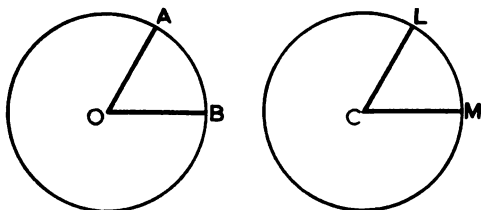


ARCHIMEDES

## THEOREMS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

## PROPOSITION I. THEOREM

193. In the same circle (or in equal circles) equal central angles intercept equal arcs.



Given:  $\odot O = \odot C$ ;  $\angle O = \angle C$ .

To Prove: Arc  $AB = \text{arc } LM$ .

Proof: Superpose  $\odot O$  upon the equal  $\odot C$ , making  $\angle O$  coincide with its equal,  $\angle C$ . Point  $A$  falls on  $L$ , and point  $B$  on  $M$  (188).

Arc  $AB$  coincides with arc  $LM$  (179).

$\therefore \text{arc } AB = \text{arc } LM$  (26).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION II. THEOREM

194. In the same circle (or in equal circles) equal arcs are intercepted by equal central angles. [Converse.]

Given:  $\odot O = \odot C$ ; arc  $AB = \text{arc } LM$ .

To Prove:  $\angle O = \angle C$ .

Proof: Superpose  $\odot O$  upon the equal  $\odot C$ , making the centers coincide. Point  $A$  falls on point  $L$ . Then arc  $AB$  coincides with arc  $LM$  and point  $B$  falls on point  $M$ . (Because the arcs are equal.)

$\therefore OA$  coincides with  $CL$ , and  $OB$  with  $CM$  (39).

$\therefore \angle O = \angle C$  (26).

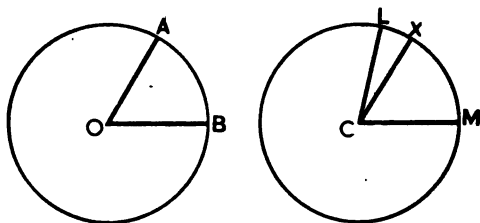
Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION III. THEOREM

195. In the same circle (or in equal circles) :

I. If two central angles are unequal, the greater angle intercepts the greater arc.

II. If two arcs are unequal, the greater arc is intercepted by the greater central angle. [Converse.]



I. Given:  $\odot O = \odot C$ ;  $\angle LCM > \angle O$ .

To Prove: Arc  $LM >$  arc  $AB$ .

**Proof:** Superpose  $\odot O$  upon  $\odot C$ , making sector  $AOB$  fall in position of sector  $XCM$ ,  $OB$  coinciding with  $CM$ .

$CX$  is within the angle  $LCM$ . (Because  $\angle LCM > \angle O$ .)

Arc  $AB$  falls upon  $LM$ , in the position  $XM$  (179).

$\therefore$  arc  $LM >$  arc  $XM$  (Ax. 5).

That is, arc  $LM >$  arc  $AB$ . Q.E.D.

II. Given: (?).

To Prove:  $\angle LCM > \angle O$ .

**Proof:** The pupil may employ either superposition, as in I, or the method of exclusion, as in 92.

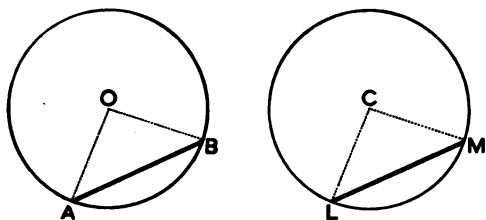
**NOTE.** Unless otherwise specified, the arc of a chord always refers to the *lesser* of the two arcs. If *two* arcs (in the same or equal circles) are concerned, it is understood either that each is less than a semicircle, or each is greater.

**Ex. 1.** Are equal circles also congruent? Why?

**Ex. 2.** Is there a geometrical figure that is both sector and segment?

## PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM

196. In the same circle (or in equal circles) equal chords subtend equal arcs.



**Given:**  $\odot O = \odot C$ ; chord  $AB = \text{chord } LM$ .

**To Prove:** Arc  $AB = \text{arc } LM$ .

**Proof:** Draw the several radii to the ends of the chords.

In  $\triangle OAB$  and  $CLM$ ,  $OA = CL$  and  $OB = CM$  (188).

Chord  $AB = \text{chord } LM$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle OAB$  is congruent to  $\triangle CLM$  (?).

Hence  $\angle O = \angle C$  (?).

$\therefore \text{arc } AB = \text{arc } LM$  (193).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION V. THEOREM

197. In the same circle (or in equal circles) equal arcs are subtended by equal chords. [Converse.]

**Given:**  $\odot O = \odot C$ ; arc  $AB = \text{arc } LM$ .

**To Prove:** Chord  $AB = \text{chord } LM$ .

**Proof:** Draw the several radii to the ends of the chords.

In  $\triangle OAB$  and  $CLM$ ,  $OA = CL$  (188).

$OB = CM$  (80).

$\angle O = \angle C$  (194).

$\therefore \triangle AOB$  is congruent to  $\triangle CLM$  (?).

$\therefore \text{chord } AB = \text{chord } LM$  (?).

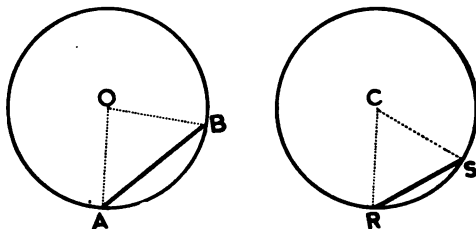
Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM

198. In the same circle (or in equal circles) :

I. If two chords are unequal, the greater chord subtends the greater arc.

II. If two arcs are unequal, the greater arc is subtended by the greater chord. [Converse.]



I. **Given:**  $\odot O = \odot C$ ; chord  $AB >$  chord  $RS$ .

**To Prove:** Arc  $AB >$  arc  $RS$ .

**Proof:** Draw the several radii to the ends of the chords.

In  $\triangle AOB$  and  $RCS$ ,

$$AO = RC \text{ and } BO = SC \quad (?)$$

$$\text{Chord } AB > \text{chord } RS \quad (\text{Hyp.})$$

$$\therefore \angle O > \angle C \quad (92)$$

$$\therefore \text{arc } AB > \text{arc } RS \quad (195, \text{I})$$

Q.E.D.

II. **Given:**  $\odot O = \odot C$ ; arc  $AB >$  arc  $RS$ .

**To Prove:** Chord  $AB >$  chord  $RS$ .

**Proof:** Draw the several radii.

In  $\triangle AOB$  and  $RCS$ ,

$$AO = RC \text{ and } BO = SC \quad (?)$$

$$\text{But } \angle O > \angle C \quad (195, \text{II})$$

$$\therefore \text{chord } AB > \text{chord } RS \quad (91)$$

Q.E.D.

**Ex.** Can either part of Proposition VI be proved by the method of exclusion? Can Proposition IV or V be proved by that method?

## PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM

199. The diameter perpendicular to a chord bisects the chord and both the subtended arcs.

Given: Diameter  $DR \perp$  to chord  $AB$  in  $\odot O$ .

To Prove:

- I.  $AM = MB$ ;  
 II. Arc  $AR =$  arc  $RB$ , arc  $AD =$  arc  $DB$ .

Proof: Draw radii to ends of the chord.

- I. In rt.  $\triangle OAM$  and  $OBM$ ,

$$OA = OB \quad (?)$$

$$OM = OM \quad (?)$$

$$\triangle OAM \text{ is congruent to } \triangle OBM \quad (84).$$

$$\therefore AM = BM \quad (?)$$

Q. E. D.

$$\text{II.} \quad \angle AOM = \angle BOM \quad (27).$$

$$\therefore \text{arc } AR = \text{arc } RB \quad (193).$$

$$\text{Also} \quad \angle AOD = \angle BOD \quad (49).$$

$$\therefore \text{arc } AD = \text{arc } DB \quad (193).$$

Q. E. D.

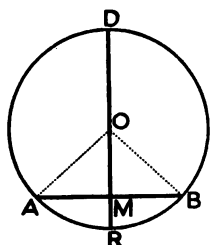
200. COROLLARY. The line from the center of a circle perpendicular to a chord bisects the chord.

201. COROLLARY. The perpendicular bisector of a chord passes through the center of the circle.

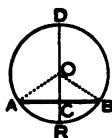
Proof: The center is equally distant from the extremities of the chord (187).

$\therefore$  the center is in the  $\perp$  bisector of the chord (82).

Ex. 1. The perpendicular bisectors of all chords in a circle pass through a common point.

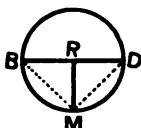


**Ex. 2.** A diameter bisecting a chord is perpendicular to the chord and bisects the subtended arcs.



**Ex. 3.** A diameter bisecting an arc is the perpendicular bisector of the chord of the arc.

**Ex. 4.** A line bisecting a chord and its arc is the perpendicular bisector of the chord.



**Ex. 5.** If a circle is described on the hypotenuse of a right triangle as diameter, it passes through the vertex of the right angle (141).

**Ex. 6.** If any number of parallel chords are drawn in a circle, their midpoints all lie on the same straight line.

**Ex. 7.** If two perpendicular diameters of a circle are drawn and their extremities are joined in order, these chords form a square.

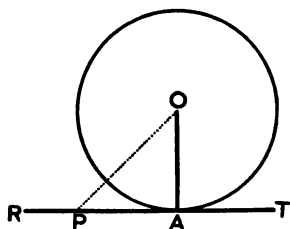
**Ex. 8.** If any two diameters of a circle are drawn and their extremities are joined in order, the figure is a parallelogram.

### PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM

**202.** The line perpendicular to a radius at its extremity is tangent to the circle.

**Given:** Radius  $OA$  of  $\odot O$ , and  $RT \perp$  to  $OA$  at  $A$ .

**To Prove:**  $RT$  tangent to the circle.



**Proof:** Take any point  $P$  in  $RT$  (except  $A$ ) and draw  $OP$ .

$$OP > OA \quad (87).$$

$\therefore P$  lies without the  $\odot$  (Because  $OP >$  radius).

That is, every point (except  $A$ ) in  $RT$  is without the  $\odot$ .

$\therefore RT$  is a tangent to the  $\odot O$  (Def.).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM

203. If a line is tangent to a circle, the radius drawn to the point of contact is perpendicular to the tangent. [Converse.]

Given:  $RT$  tangent to  $\odot O$  at  $A$ ;  
radius  $OA$ .

To Prove:  $OA \perp$  to  $RT$ .

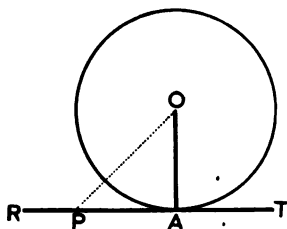
Proof: Every point (except  $A$ ) in  $RT$  is without the  $\odot$  (181).

$\therefore$  a line from  $O$  to any point in  $RT$  (except  $A$ ) is  $> OA$ . (Because it is  $>$  a radius.)

That is,  $OA$  is the shortest line from  $O$  to  $RT$ .

$\therefore OA$  is  $\perp$  to  $RT$

(87).



204. COROLLARY. The perpendicular to a tangent at the point of contact passes through the center of the circle. (43.)

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION X. THEOREM

205. If two circles are tangent to each other, the line joining their centers passes through their point of contact.

Given:  $\odot O$  and  $C$  tangent to a line at  $A$ , and line  $OC$ .

To Prove:  $OC$  passes through  $A$ .

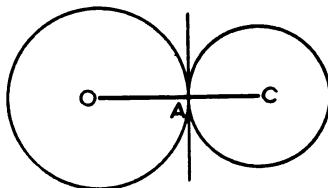
Proof: Draw radii  $OA$  and  $CA$ .

$OA$  is  $\perp$  to the tangent and  $CA$  is  $\perp$  to the tangent (203).

$\therefore OAC$  is a straight line (43).

$\therefore OAC$  and  $OC$  coincide, and  $OC$  passes through  $A$  (39).

Q.E.D.

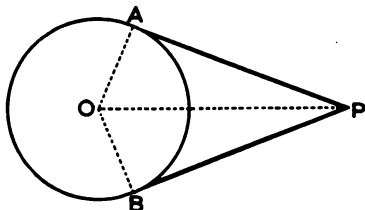


Let the pupil supply the proof if the circles are tangent *internally*.



## PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM

206. Two tangents drawn to a circle from an external point are equal.



NOTE. In this theorem the word "tangent" signifies the distance between the external point and the point of contact.

Given:  $\odot O$  and tangents  $PA$ ,  $PB$ .

To Prove: Distance  $PA$  = distance  $PB$ .

Proof: Draw radii to points of contact, and join  $OP$ .

$\angle OAP$  and  $OBP$  are right  $\angle$  (203).

In rt.  $\triangle OAP$  and  $OBP$ ,  $OP = OP$  (?);  $OA = OB$  (?).

$\therefore \triangle OAP$  is congruent to  $\triangle OBP$  (84).

$\therefore PA = PB$  (?).

Q.E.D.

**Historical Note.** Pythagoras, a Greek philosopher, born probably at Samos, in the sixth century B.C., had the reputation of being an "assiduous inquirer," and of having a great fund of general knowledge. He was a moral reformer as well as a scientific teacher. He was the head of a secret society the members of which were pledged to the severest discipline, and to the practice of temperance, purity, and obedience. The study of mathematics in Greece was magnified by him and advanced to the rank of a science. The invincible proof given on page 204 of the theorem that the square on the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equal in area to the sum of the squares on the legs, has been attributed to Pythagoras, and is often referred to as the Pythagorean proposition. The discovery of incommensurable magnitudes (p. 96) and of many other theorems and problems is ascribed to him.

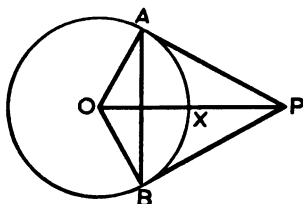


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## PROPOSITION XII. THEOREM

**207.** If from an external point tangents are drawn to a circle, and radii are drawn to the points of contact, the line joining the center and the external point bisects:

- I. The angle formed by the tangents.
- II. The angle formed by the radii.
- III. The chord joining the points of contact.
- IV. The arc intercepted by the tangents.



**Given:** Tangents  $AP$  and  $BP$  from point  $P$  and radii  $OA$  and  $OB$ .

**To Prove:** Line  $OP$  bisects:

- I.  $\angle APB$ , II.  $\angle AOB$ , III. Chord  $AB$ , IV. Arc  $AXB$ .

**Proof:**  $\triangle OAP$  and  $OBP$  are rt.  $\triangle$  (1).  
They are congruent. (Explain.)

I.  $\therefore \angle APO = \angle BPO$  (2).

II.  $\angle AOP = \angle BOP$  (3).

III.  $O$  is equidistant from  $A$  and  $B$  (4).

$P$  is also equidistant from  $A$  and  $B$  (206).

$\therefore OP$  is  $\perp$  to  $AB$  at its midpoint (83).

IV. Arc  $AX =$  arc  $BX$  (193).

Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** Tangents drawn to a circle at the extremities of a diameter are parallel.

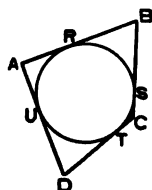
**Ex. 2.** Tangents drawn to a circle at the extremities of a chord form, with the chord, an isosceles triangle.

**Ex. 3.** The bisector of the angle between two tangents to a circle passes through the center.

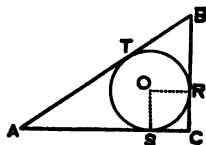
**Ex. 4.** The sum of one pair of opposite sides of a circumscribed quadrilateral is equal to the sum of the other pair.

**Ex. 5.** A circumscribed parallelogram is equilateral.

**Ex. 6.** A circumscribed rectangle is a square.



**Ex. 7.** If a circle is inscribed in a right triangle, the sum of the diameter and the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the legs.



**Ex. 8.** If two parallel tangents meet a third tangent, and lines are drawn from the points of intersection to the center, they are perpendicular.

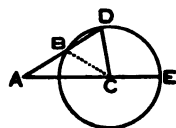
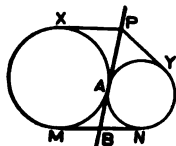
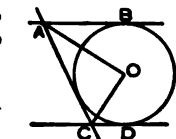
**Ex. 9.** Tangents drawn to two tangent circles from any point in their common interior tangent are equal.

**Ex. 10.** The common interior tangent of two tangent circles bisects their common exterior tangent.

**Ex. 11.** Do the theorems of Ex. 9 and 10 apply if the circles are tangent internally? If so, prove.

**Ex. 12.** In the adjoining figure, if  $AE$  and  $AD$  are secants,  $AE$  passing through the center, and the external part of  $AD$  being equal to a radius, the angle  $DCE = 3 \angle A$ .

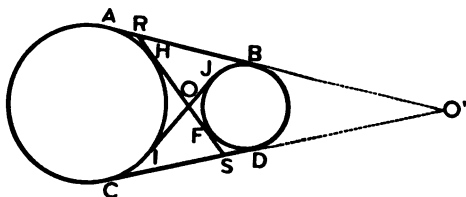
[Draw  $BC$ .  $\angle DBC = \text{ext. } \angle \text{ of } \triangle ABC = 2 \angle A = \angle D$ . (Explain.)  $\angle DCE = \text{an ext. } \angle$ , etc.]



**Ex. 13.** The two common interior tangents of two circles are equal.

**Ex. 14.** The common exterior tangents to two circles are equal.

[Produce them to intersection.]



**Ex. 15.** In the preceding figure, prove that  $RH = SF$ .

**Proof:**  $AR + RB = CS + SD$ ;

$$\therefore AR + (RH + HF) = (SF + HF) + SD.$$

$\therefore RH + RH + HF = SF + HF + SF; \therefore 2 RH = 2 SF$ , etc. Give reasons and explain.

**Ex. 16.** The common exterior tangents to two circles intercept on a common interior tangent (produced), a line equal to a common exterior tangent. **To Prove:**  $RS = AB$ .

**Ex. 17.**  $AB$  and  $AC$  are two tangents from  $A$ ; in the less arc  $BC$  a point  $D$  is taken and a tangent drawn at  $D$ , meeting  $AB$  at  $E$  and  $AC$  at  $F$ . Prove that  $AE + EF + AF$  remains a uniform length for all positions of  $D$  in arc  $BC$ .

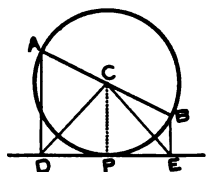
**Ex. 18.** If perpendiculars are drawn upon a tangent from the ends of any diameter:

(1) The point of tangency bisects the line between the feet of the perpendiculars.

[Draw  $CP$ .]

(2) The sum of the perpendiculars equals the diameter.

(3) The center of the circle is equally distant from the feet of the perpendiculars.



### PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM

**208.** In the same circle (or in equal circles) equal chords are equally distant from the center.

**Given:**  $\odot O$ ; chord  $AB =$  chord  $CD$ , and distances  $OE$  and  $OF$ .

**To Prove:**  $OE = OF$ .

**Proof:** Draw radii  $OA$  and  $OC$ .

In the rt.  $\triangle AOE$  and  $\triangle COF$ ,

$$AE = \frac{1}{2} AB \text{ and } CF = \frac{1}{2} CD \quad (200).$$

$$\text{But} \quad AB = CD \quad (\text{Hyp.}).$$

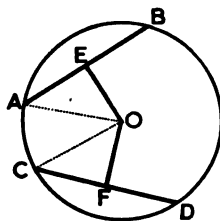
$$\therefore AE = CF \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

$$\text{Also} \quad AO = CO \quad (?).$$

$$\therefore \triangle AOE \text{ is congruent to } \triangle COF \quad (84).$$

$$\therefore OE = OF \quad (?).$$

**Q.E.D.**



## PROPOSITION XIV. THEOREM

**209. In the same circle (or in equal circles) chords which are equally distant from the center are equal. [Converse.]**

**Given:**  $\odot O$ ; chords  $AB$  and  $CD$ ; distance  $OE$  = distance  $OF$ .

**To Prove:** Chord  $AB$  = chord  $CD$ .

**Proof:** Draw radii  $OA$  and  $OC$ .

In rt.  $\triangle AOE$  and  $COF$ ,  $AO = CO$  (?)

Also  $EO = OF$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle AOE$  is congruent to  $\triangle COF$  (84).

$\therefore AE = CF$  (?).

Now  $AB$  is twice  $AE$  and  $CD$  is twice  $CF$  (200).

$\therefore AB = CD$  (Ax. 3). Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** If two circles are concentric, all chords of the greater that are tangent to the less are equal.

**Ex. 2.** If at the midpoint of an arc a tangent is drawn, it is parallel to the chord of the arc.

**Ex. 3.** If two equal chords intersect on the circle, the radius drawn to their point of intersection bisects their angle.

**Ex. 4.** If the line joining the point of intersection of two chords and the center bisects the angle formed by the chords, they are equal.

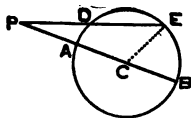
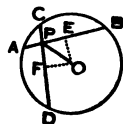
**Ex. 5.** The radius of the circle inscribed in an equilateral triangle is half the radius of the circle circumscribed about it. [Use 143.]

**Ex. 6.** If the inscribed and circumscribed circles of a triangle are concentric, the triangle is equilateral.

**Ex. 7.** If two circles are concentric and a secant cuts them both, the portions of the secant intercepted between the circumferences are equal.

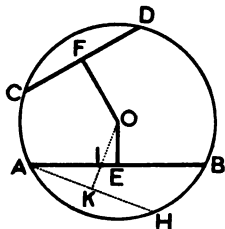
**Ex. 8.** Of all secants that can be drawn to a circumference from a fixed external point, the longest passes through the center.

**Ex. 9.** The shortest line from an external point to a circumference is that which, if produced, would pass through the center.



## PROPOSITION XV. THEOREM

210. In the same circle (or in equal circles) if two chords are unequal, the greater chord is at the less distance from the center.



Given:  $\odot O$ ; chord  $AB >$  chord  $CD$ ,  
and distances  $OE$  and  $OF$ .

To Prove:  $OE < OF$ .

Proof: Arc  $AB >$  arc  $CD$  (198, I).

Suppose arc  $AH$  is taken on arc  $AB$ , equal to arc  $CD$ . Draw chord  $AH$ . Draw  $OK \perp$  to  $AH$ , cutting  $AB$  at  $I$ .

Now chord  $AH =$  chord  $CD$  (197).

$\therefore$  distance  $OK =$  distance  $OF$  (208).

But  $OE < OI$  (87).

Also  $OI < OK$  (Ax. 5).

$\therefore OE < OK$  (Ax. 11).

Substituting,  $OE < OF$  (Ax. 6).

Q. E. D.

## PROPOSITION XVI. THEOREM

211. In the same circle (or in equal circles) if two chords are unequally distant from the center, the chord at the less distance is the greater. [Converse.]

Given:  $\odot O$ ; chords  $AB$  and  $CD$ ; distance  $OE <$  distance  $OF$ .

To Prove: Chord  $AB >$  chord  $CD$ .

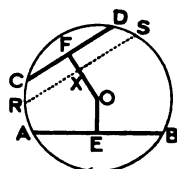
Proof: It is evident that chord  $AB <$  chord  $CD$ , or  $=$  chord  $CD$ , or  $>$  chord  $CD$ . Proceed by the method of exclusion.

Another Proof: On  $OF$  take  $OX =$  to  $OE$ . At  $X$  draw a chord  $RS \perp$  to  $OX$ .

Then chord  $RS$  is  $\parallel$  to chord  $CD$ . (62).

$\therefore$  arc  $RS >$  arc  $CD$  (Ax. 5).

$\therefore$  chord  $RS >$  chord  $CD$  (198, II).  
 But chord  $AB =$  chord  $RS$  (209).  
 Substituting,  
 chord  $AB >$  chord  $CD$  (Ax. 6).  
 Q.E.D.

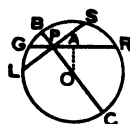


**212. COROLLARY.** The diameter of a circle is longer than any other chord.

**Ex. 1.** What is the longest chord that can be drawn through a given point within a circle?

**Ex. 2.** Of all chords that can be drawn through a given point within a circle, the chord perpendicular to the diameter through the given point is the shortest.

**Given:**  $P$ , the point;  $BOC$  the diam.;  $LS \perp$  to  $BC$  at  $P$ ;  $GR$ , any other chord through  $P$ .



**To Prove:** (?)

**Proof:** Draw  $OA \perp$  to  $GR$ . Etc.

# PROPOSITION XVII. THEOREM

**213.** Through three points, not in the same straight line, one circle can be drawn, and only one.

**Given:** Points  $A$  and  $B$  and  $C$ .

**To Prove:** I. (?). II. (?).

**Proof:** I. Draw lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $AC$ . Suppose their  $\perp$  bisectors,  $OZ$ ,  $OX$ ,  $OY$ , are drawn. These  $\perp$  will meet at a point (100).

With  $O$  as a center and  $OA$  or  $OB$  or  $OC$  as a radius, a circle can be described through  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  (100).

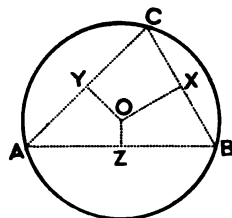
II. These  $\perp$  meet at only one point (100).

That is, there is only one center.

The distances  $OA$ ,  $OB$ ,  $OC$  are all equal (100).

That is, there is only one radius.

$\therefore$  there can be only one circle (192). Q.E.D.



**214. COROLLARY.** One circle, and only one, can be drawn through the vertices of a triangle.

**215. COROLLARY.** A circle is determined by three points.

**216. COROLLARY.** A circle cannot be drawn through three points which are in the same straight line.

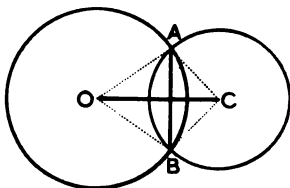
[The  $\perp$  would be  $\parallel$ .]

**217. COROLLARY.** A straight line can intersect a circle in only two points. (216.)

**218. COROLLARY.** Two circles can intersect in only two points.

### PROPOSITION XVIII. THEOREM

**219.** If two circles intersect, the line joining their centers is the perpendicular bisector of their common chord.



**Given:** (?).

**To Prove:** (?).

**Proof:** Draw radii in each  $\odot$  to ends of  $AB$ .

Point  $O$  is equally distant from  $A$  and  $B$  (187).

Point  $C$  is equally distant from  $A$  and  $B$  (?).

$\therefore OC$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of  $AB$  (83).

Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** Illustrate the five corollaries on this page by diagrams.

**Ex. 2.** On an island six miles from the mainland is a gun having a range of ten miles. Draw a diagram, using a scale of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. to the mile, showing the range of the gun.

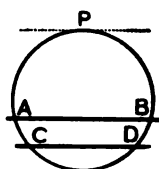
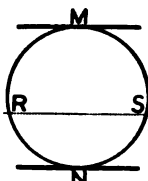
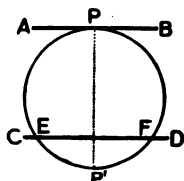
**Ex. 3.** On the opposite sides of the entrance to a harbor are two forts, twelve miles apart. In each there is a gun with a range of nine miles. Draw a diagram showing the region exposed to the fire of each gun, and to the fire of both guns.

**Ex. 4.** Make a similar problem using three forts, and guns of different ranges, and draw the diagram, showing regions exposed to one gun only and to all three guns (if any).



## PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM

220. Parallel lines intercept equal arcs on a circle.



**Given:** A circle and a pair of parallels intercepting two arcs.

**To Prove:** The intercepted arcs are equal.

There may be three cases:

I. If the  $\parallel$ s are a tangent ( $AB$ , tangent at  $P$ ) and a secant ( $CD$ , cutting the circle at  $E$  and  $F$ ).

**Proof:** Draw diameter to point of contact,  $P$ .

This diameter is  $\perp$  to  $AB$  (203).

$PP'$  is also  $\perp$  to  $EF$  (64).

$\therefore$  arc  $EP$  = arc  $FP$  (199).

II. If the  $\parallel$ s are two tangents, points of contact being  $M$  and  $N$ .

**Proof:** Suppose a secant is drawn  $\parallel$  to one of the tangents, cutting the  $\odot$  at  $R$  and  $S$ .

$RS$  will be  $\parallel$  to the other tangent (63).

$\therefore$  arc  $MR$  = arc  $MS$  and arc  $RN$  = arc  $SN$  (I).

Adding, arc  $MRN$  = arc  $MSN$  (Ax. 2).

III. If the  $\parallel$ s are two secants, one cutting the  $\odot$  at  $A$  and  $B$ , the other at  $C$  and  $D$ .

**Proof:** Suppose a tangent is drawn,  $\parallel$  to  $AB$  and touching the  $\odot$  at  $P$ . This tangent is  $\parallel$  to  $CD$  (63).

Arc  $PC$  = arc  $PD$  and arc  $PA$  = arc  $PB$  (I).

Subtracting, arc  $AC$  = arc  $BD$  (Ax. 2).

Q.E.D.

**221.** A polygon is inscribed } if the vertices of the poly-  
 in a circle, or a circle is cir- } gon are in the circle, and its  
 cumscribed about a polygon } sides are chords.

A polygon is circumscribed } if the sides of the polygon  
 about a circle, or a circle is } are all tangent to the circle.  
 inscribed in a polygon }

The **perimeter** of a figure is the sum of all its bounding lines.

#### EXERCISES IN DRAWING CIRCLES

1. Draw two unequal intersecting circles. Show that the line joining their centers is less than the sum of their radii.
2. Draw two circles externally (not tangent) and show that the line joining their centers is greater than the sum of their radii.
3. Draw two circles tangent externally. Discuss these lines similarly.
4. Draw two circles tangent internally. Discuss these lines similarly.
5. Draw two circles so that they can have only one common tangent.
6. Draw two circles so that they can have two common tangents.
7. Draw two circles so that they can have three common tangents.
8. Draw two circles so that they can have four common tangents.
9. Draw two circles so that they can have no common tangent.

#### SUMMARY

**222.** The following is a summary of the truths relating to magnitudes, which have been already established in Book II.

**I. Arcs are equal if they are :**

- (1) Intercepted by equal central angles.
- (2) Subtended by equal chords.
- (3) Intercepted by parallel lines.
- (4) Halves of the same arc, or of equal arcs.

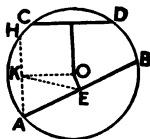
**II. Lines are equal if they are :**

- (1) Radii of the same or of equal circles.
- (2) Diameters of the same or of equal circles.
- (3) Chords that subtend equal arcs.
- (4) Chords that are equally distant from the center.
- (5) Tangents to one circle from the same point.

**III. Unequal arcs and unequal chords have like relations.**

## ORIGINAL EXERCISES

1. Show that an inscribed trapezoid is isosceles.
2. In the figure of 242, show that  $\text{arc } DBX = \text{arc } DB + \text{arc } AC$ .
3. In the figure of 243, show that  $\text{arc } CX = \text{arc } CMB - \text{arc } CNB$ .
4. In the figure of 244, show that  $\text{arc } CX = \text{arc } CE - \text{arc } BD$ .
5. In the figure of 245, show that  $\text{arc } BX = \text{arc } BE - \text{arc } BD$ .
6. Show that the perpendiculars to the sides of a circumscribed polygon at the points of contact meet at a common point.
7. Show that the bisectors of the angles of a circumscribed polygon meet at a common point.
8. If two circles intersect and the four radii are drawn to the points of intersection, prove that the line joining the centers of the circles bisects the central angles formed by these radii.
9. If two chords of a circle are equal, but not parallel, and their midpoints are joined by a line, prove that the line from the center of the circle to the midpoint of the other line is perpendicular to it.
10. If a hexagon is circumscribed about a circle, prove that the sum of three alternate sides equals the sum of the other three sides.
11. Draw two circles which can have neither a common chord nor a common tangent.
12. Two perpendicular radii are prolonged to meet a tangent to a circle, and from the two points of intersection two other tangents are drawn to this circle. Prove that these two tangents are parallel.  
(Hint. Draw radii to the three points of contact.)
13. If from the midpoint of an arc perpendiculars are drawn to the radii drawn to the ends of the arc, prove that these perpendiculars are equal.
14. If through the extremities of a diameter two equal chords are drawn, one on each side of the diameter, prove that they are parallel.
15. Prove the theorem of 210 by the accompanying figure.  
[Hint, in  $\triangle AEK$  show that two sides are unequal, hence two angles are unequal, hence two angles in  $\triangle EKO$  are unequal, etc.]
16. Prove the theorem of 211 by this figure, and a method similar to that employed in Ex. 15.



## KINDS OF QUANTITIES — MEASUREMENT

**223.** A **ratio** is the quotient of one quantity divided by another — both being of the same kind.

**224.** To **measure a quantity** is to find the number of times it contains another quantity of the same kind, called the **unit**. This *number* is the ratio of the quantity to the unit.

**225.** Two quantities are called **commensurable** if there exists a common unit of measure which is contained in each a whole (integral) number of times.

Two quantities are called **incommensurable** if there does not exist a common unit of measure which is contained in each a whole number of times.

Thus, \$17 and \$35 are commensurable, but \$17 and  $\$ \sqrt{35}$  are incommensurable. Two lines  $18\frac{1}{2}$  ft. and 13 yd. are commensurable, but  $18\frac{1}{2}$  ft. and  $\sqrt[3]{18}$  yd. are incommensurable.

**226.** A **constant** quantity is a quantity the value of which does not change during a discussion. A constant may have only one value.

A **variable** is a quantity that has different successive values during a discussion. It may have an unlimited number of values.

**227.** The **limit of a variable** is a constant, *to which* the variable cannot be equal, but *from which* the variable can be made to differ by less than any mentionable quantity.

**228. Illustrative.** The *ratio* of 15 yd. to 25 yd. is written either  $\frac{3}{5}$  or  $15 \div 25$  and is equal to three fifths. If we state that a son is two thirds as old as his father, we mean that the son's age divided by the father's, equals two thirds. A ratio is a fraction.

The statement that a certain distance is 400 yd. signifies that the unit (the yard), if applied to this distance, will be contained exactly 400 times.

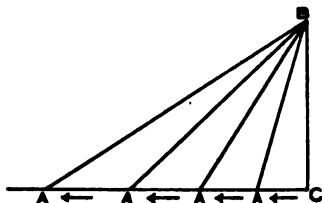
Are \$7.50 and \$3.58 *commensurable* if the unit is \$1? 1 dime? 1 cent?

Are 10 ft. and  $\sqrt{19}$  ft. *commensurable*?

The height of a steeple is a *constant*; the length of its shadow made by the sun is a *variable*. The distance a train goes *varies* with the time it travels. Our ages are *variables*. The length of a standard yard, mile,

or meter, etc., is a *constant*. The height of a growing plant or a child is a *variable*.

The *limit* of a variable may be illustrated by considering a right triangle  $ABC$ , and supposing the vertex  $A$  to move farther and farther from the vertex of the right angle. It is evident that the hypotenuse becomes longer, that  $AC$  increases, but  $BC$  remains the same length. The angle  $A$  decreases, the angle  $B$  increases, but the angle  $C$  remains constantly a right angle. If we carry vertex  $A$  toward the left indefinitely, the  $\angle A$  becomes less and less but cannot become zero. [Because then there could be no  $\Delta$ .]



Hence the limit of the decreasing  $\angle A$  is zero.

Likewise, the  $\angle B$  becomes larger and larger but cannot become equal to a right angle. [Because then two sides of the triangle would be parallel, which is impossible.] But it may be made as nearly equal to a right angle as we choose.

Hence the limit of  $\angle B$  is a right angle.

To these limits we cannot make the variables equal, but *from* these limits we can make them differ by less than any mentionable angle, however small.

The following supplies another illustration of the limit of a variable. The sum of the series  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{128} + \text{etc.}$ , will always be less than 2, no matter how many terms are collected. But by taking more and more terms we can make the actual difference between this sum and 2 less than any conceivable fraction, however small. Hence 2 is the limit of the sum of the series. The limit is not 3 or 4, because the difference between the sum and 3 cannot be made less than any assigned fraction. Neither is the limit  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . (Why not?) Similarly, the limit of the value of  $.333333 \dots$  *ad infinitum* is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

Certain variables become equal to a fixed magnitude; but this fixed magnitude is not a limit. Thus, the length of the shadow of a tower really becomes equal to a fixed distance (at noon). A man's age really attains to a definite number of years and then ceases to vary (at death).

Hence if a variable approaches a constant, and the difference between the two can be made indefinitely small while the variable cannot become equal to the constant, the constant is the **limit of the variable**. This is merely another definition of a limit.

## PROPOSITION XX. THEOREM OF LIMITS

**229.** If two variables are always equal and each approaches a limit, their limits are equal.

**Given:** Two variables  $v$  and  $v'$ ;  $v$  always  $= v'$ ; also  $v$  approaching the limit  $l$ ;  $v'$  approaching the limit  $l'$ .

**To Prove:**  $l = l'$ .

**Proof:**  $v$  is always  $=$  to  $v'$  (Hyp.). Hence they may be considered as a single variable. Now a single variable can approach only one limit (228). Hence  $l = l'$ . Q.E.D.

**230. (1) Algebraic principles concerning variables.**

If  $v$  is a variable and  $k$  is a constant :

- |                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| I. $v + k$ is a variable.     | IV. $kv$ is a variable.          |
| II. $v - k$ is a variable.    | V. $\frac{v}{k}$ is a variable.  |
| III. $k \pm v$ is a variable. | VI. $\frac{k}{v}$ is a variable. |

These six statements are obvious.

**(2) Algebraic principles concerning limits.**

If  $v$  is a variable whose limit is  $l$ , and  $k$  is a constant :

- I.  $v \pm k$  will approach  $l \pm k$  as a limit.
- II.  $k \pm v$  will approach  $k \pm l$  as a limit.
- III.  $kv$  will approach  $kl$  as a limit.
- IV.  $\frac{v}{k}$  will approach  $\frac{l}{k}$  as a limit.
- V.  $\frac{k}{v}$  will approach  $\frac{k}{l}$  as a limit.

**NOTE.** A variable, as applied to Plane Geometry, is not added to, subtracted from, multiplied by, or divided by another variable.

**Proofs:** I.  $v$  cannot  $= l$  (227).  $\therefore v \pm k$  cannot  $= l \pm k$ .

Also,  $v - l$  approaches zero (227).

$\therefore (v \pm k) - (l \pm k)$  approaches zero. (Because it reduces to  $v - l$ .)

Hence  $v \pm k$  approaches  $l \pm k$  (227).

II. Demonstrated similarly.

III. If  $kv = kl$ , then  $v = l$  (Ax. 3). But this is impossible (227).  
 $\therefore kv$  cannot  $= kl$ .

Also  $v - l$  approaches zero (227).

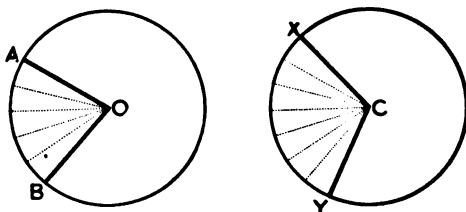
$\therefore k(v - l)$  or  $kv - kl$  approaches zero.

Therefore  $kv$  approaches  $kl$  (227).

IV and V. Demonstrated similarly.

# PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM

231. In the same circle (or in equal circles) the ratio of two central angles is equal to the ratio of their intercepted arcs.



**Given:**  $\odot O = \odot C$ ; central  $\angle O$  and  $\angle C$ ; arcs  $AB$  and  $XY$ .

**To Prove:**  $\frac{\angle O}{\angle C} = \frac{\text{arc } AB}{\text{arc } XY}$ .

**Proof:** I. If the arcs are commensurable. There exists a common unit of measure of  $AB$  and  $XY$  (225).

Suppose this unit, when applied to the arcs, is contained 5 times in  $AB$  and 7 times in  $XY$ .

$$\therefore \frac{\text{arc } AB}{\text{arc } XY} = \frac{5}{7} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

Draw radii to the several points of division of the arcs.  $\angle O$  is divided into 5 parts and  $\angle C$  into 7 parts.

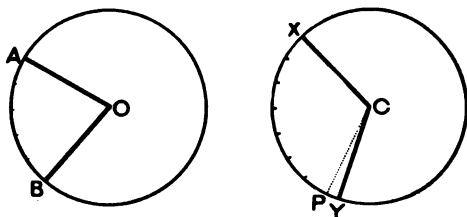
These 12 parts are all equal (194).

$$\therefore \frac{\angle O}{\angle C} = \frac{5}{7} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

$$\therefore \frac{\angle O}{\angle C} = \frac{\text{arc } AB}{\text{arc } XY} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

II. If the arcs are **incommensurable**. There does not exist a common unit (225). Suppose arc  $AB$  is divided into equal parts (any number of them). Apply one of these as a unit of measure to arc  $XY$ . There is a remainder  $PY$ . (Because  $AB$  and  $XY$  are incommensurable.)



Draw  $CP$ . Now  $\frac{\angle O}{\angle XCP} = \frac{\text{arc } AB}{\text{arc } XP}$  (Case I).

**Indefinitely** increase the number of subdivisions of arc  $AB$ . Then each part, that is, our unit or divisor, is indefinitely decreased. Hence  $PY$ , the remainder, is indefinitely decreased. (Because the remainder  $<$  the divisor.)

That is, arc  $PY$  approaches zero as a limit.

and  $\angle PCY$  approaches zero as a limit.

$\therefore$  arc  $XP$  approaches arc  $XY$  as a limit (227).

and  $\angle XCP$  approaches  $\angle XCY$  as a limit (227).

$\therefore \frac{\angle O}{\angle XCP}$  approaches  $\frac{\angle O}{\angle XCY}$  as a limit

and  $\frac{\text{arc } AB}{\text{arc } XP}$  approaches  $\frac{\text{arc } AB}{\text{arc } XY}$  as a limit.

$$\therefore \frac{\angle O}{\angle XCY} = \frac{\text{arc } AB}{\text{arc } XY} \quad (229).$$

Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** If you double an arc do you double its central angle? its chord?

**Ex. 2.** If in two equal circles, an arc in one is taken three times as long as an arc in the other, how do their central angles compare? Is there any similar law that you know, applying to their chords?

**Ex. 3.** Two arcs of a circle contain  $80^\circ$  and  $120^\circ$  respectively. What is the ratio of their central angles?

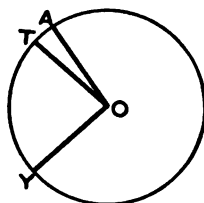


## PROPOSITION XXII. THEOREM

**232. A central angle is measured by its intercepted arc.**

**Given :**  $\odot O$ ;  $\angle AOF$ ; arc  $AF$ .

**To Prove :**  $\angle AOF$  is measured by the arc  $AF$ , that is, they contain the same number of units.



**Proof :** The sum of all  $\angle$ s about  $O = 4$  rt.  $\angle = 360^\circ$  (47).

If this  $\odot$  is divided into 360 equal parts and radii are drawn to the several points of division, there will be 360 equal central  $\angle$ s (194).

Each of these 360 central angles will be a *degree of angle* (20).

Each of the 360 equal arcs is called a *degree of arc*. Take  $\angle AOT$ , one of these degrees of angle, and arc  $AT$ , one of the

degrees of arc. Then  $\frac{\angle AOF}{\angle AOT} = \frac{\text{arc } AF}{\text{arc } AT}$  (231).

$\frac{\angle AOF}{\angle AOT} = \angle AOF + \text{a unit} = \text{the number of units in } \angle AOF$  (224).

$\frac{\text{arc } AF}{\text{arc } AT} = \text{arc } AF + \text{a unit} = \text{the number of units in arc } AF$  (224).

$\therefore$  the number of units in  $\angle AOF = \text{the number of units in arc } AF$  (Ax. 1).

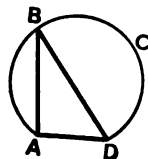
That is,  $\angle AOF$  is measured by arc  $AF$ .

Q.E.D.

**233. COROLLARY. A central right angle intercepts a quadrant of arc.** (Because each contains 90 units.)

**234. COROLLARY. A right angle is measured by half a semicircle, that is, by a quadrant.**

**235. An angle is inscribed in a segment if its vertex is on the arc and its sides are drawn to the ends of the arc of the segment.**



Thus,  $ABCD$  is a segment and  $\angle ABD$  is inscribed in it.

## PROPOSITION XXIII. THEOREM

236. An inscribed angle is measured by half its intercepted arc.

Given:  $\odot O$ ; inscribed  $\angle A$ ; arc  $CD$ .

To Prove:  $\angle A$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $CD$ .

Proof: I. If one side of the  $\angle$  is a diameter.

Draw radius  $CO$ .  $\triangle AOC$  is isosceles

$$\angle COD = \angle A + \angle C \quad (?) \quad (102).$$

$$\angle A = \angle C \quad (?)$$

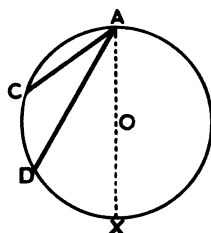
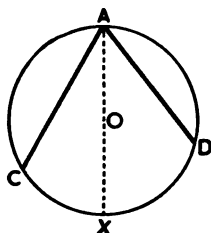
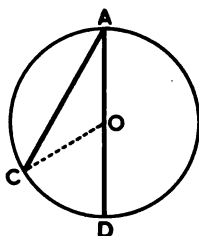
$$\therefore \angle COD = \angle A + \angle A = 2 \angle A \quad (\text{Ax. } 6).$$

That is,  $\frac{1}{2} \angle COD = \angle A \quad (\text{Ax. } 3).$

But  $\angle COD$  is meas. by arc  $CD \quad (232).$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \angle COD \text{ is meas. by } \frac{1}{2} \text{ arc } CD \quad (\text{Ax. } 3).$$

$$\therefore \angle A \text{ is meas. by } \frac{1}{2} \text{ arc } CD \quad (\text{Ax. } 6).$$



II. If the center is *within* the angle. Draw diameter  $AX$ .

$$\angle CAX \text{ is measured by } \frac{1}{2} \text{ arc } CX \quad (\text{I}).$$

$$\angle DAX \text{ is measured by } \frac{1}{2} \text{ arc } DX \quad (\text{I}). \text{ Adding,}$$

$$\therefore \angle CAD \text{ is measured by } \frac{1}{2} \text{ arc } CD \quad (\text{Ax. } 2).$$

III. If the center is *without* the angle. Draw diameter  $AX$ .

$$\angle CAX \text{ is measured by } \frac{1}{2} \text{ arc } CX \quad (\text{I}).$$

$$\angle DAX \text{ is measured by } \frac{1}{2} \text{ arc } DX \quad (\text{I}). \text{ Subtracting,}$$

$$\therefore \angle CAD \text{ is measured by } \frac{1}{2} \text{ arc } CD \quad (\text{Ax. } 2). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**237. COROLLARY.** Angles measured by half the same arc, or halves of equal arcs, are equal.

**238. COROLLARY.** In the same circle (or in equal circles), equal angles are measured by equal arcs.

**PROPOSITION XXIV. THEOREM**

**239. All angles inscribed in the same segment are equal.**

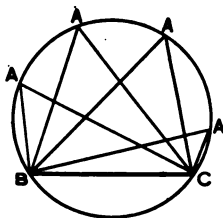
**Given:** The several  $\angle A$  inscribed in segment  $BAC$ .

**To Prove:** These angles all equal.

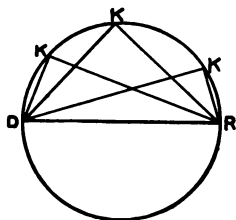
**Proof:** Each  $\angle BAC$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $BC$  (236).

$\therefore$  these angles are all equal. (237).

Q. E. D.



**240. COROLLARY.** All angles inscribed in a semicircle are right angles.



**Proof:** Each  $\angle K$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  a semicircle (236).

$\therefore$  each  $\angle K = \text{a rt. } \angle$  (234).

Q. E. D.

**Historical Note.** Thales, a Greek from Asia Minor, studied geometry from the Egyptians in the sixth century B.C. He discovered the truth of 240 as well as a number of very important theorems. For example: Book I, Propositions I, II, IV and XXXIV, and Book III, Proposition XX.

Thales was one of the "Seven Wise Men of Greece," and made important contributions to astronomy and philosophy as well as to geometry. He regarded water as the principle of all things.



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## PROPOSITION XXV. THEOREM

**241.** The angle formed by a tangent and a chord is measured by half the intercepted arc.

**Given:**  $\odot O$ , tangent  $TN$ ; chord  $AP$ ;  $\angle TPA$ ; arc  $PA$ .

**To Prove:**  $\angle TPA$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $PA$ .

**Proof:** Through  $A$  suppose  $AX$  drawn  $\parallel$  to  $TN$ .

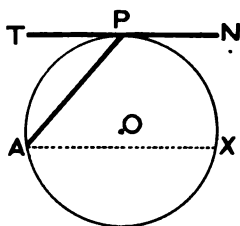
Now  $\angle A$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $PX$  (236).

But  $\angle A = \angle TPA$  (66).

Also arc  $PX = \text{arc } PA$  (220).

Substituting,  $\angle TPA$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $PA$  (Ax. 6).

Q. E. D.



**Ex. 1.** A chord divides a circle into two arcs, one containing  $100^\circ$ , the other,  $260^\circ$ . An angle is inscribed in each segment. How many degrees are there in each angle?

**Ex. 2.** In a circle, an inscribed angle and a central angle intercept the same arc, which contains  $140^\circ$ . How many degrees are there in each angle?

**Ex. 3.** A chord subtends an arc of  $74^\circ$ . How many degrees are there in the angle between the chord and a tangent at one extremity?

**Ex. 4.** The circumference of a circle is divided into four arcs,  $40^\circ$ ,  $70^\circ$ ,  $100^\circ$ , and  $x$ . Find  $x$  and the angles of the quadrilateral formed by the chords of these arcs.

**Ex. 5.** In a segment of a circle whose arc contains  $210^\circ$  is inscribed an angle. How many degrees are there in this angle?

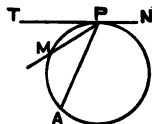
**Ex. 6.** An inscribed angle contains  $35^\circ$ . How many degrees are there in its intercepted arc?

**Ex. 7.** The line bisecting an inscribed angle bisects also its intercepted arc.

**Ex. 8.** State and prove the converse of Ex. 7.

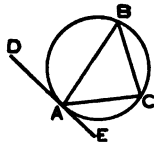
**Ex. 9.** The line bisecting the angle between a tangent and a chord bisects the intercepted arc.

**Ex. 10.** State and prove the converse of Ex. 9.



**Ex. 11.** The angle between a tangent and a chord is half the angle between the radii drawn to the ends of the chord.

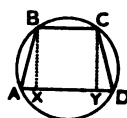
**Ex. 12.** If a triangle is inscribed in a circle and a tangent is drawn at one of the vertices, the angles formed between the tangent and the sides equals the other two angles of the triangle.



**Ex. 13.** By the figure of Ex. 12 prove that the sum of the three angles of a triangle equals two right angles.

**Ex. 14.** If one pair of opposite sides of an inscribed quadrilateral are equal, the other pair are parallel.

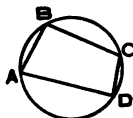
**Proof:** Draw  $\perp BX, CY$ ; arc  $AB = \text{arc } CD$  (?).  
 $\therefore \text{arc } ABC = \text{arc } BCD$  (Ax. 2).



Hence prove rt.  $\triangle ABX$  and  $DCY$  equal.

**Ex. 15.** If any pair of diameters is drawn, the lines joining their extremities (in order) form a rectangle.

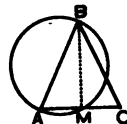
**Ex. 16.** The opposite angles of an inscribed quadrilateral are supplementary.



**Ex. 17.** If a tangent and a chord are parallel, and the chords of the two intercepted arcs are drawn, they make equal angles with the tangent.

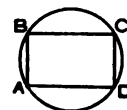
**Ex. 18.** The circle described on one of the equal sides of an isosceles triangle as a diameter bisects the base.

**Proof:** Draw line  $BM$ . The  $\triangle$  are rt.  $\triangle$  (?) and congruent (?).



**Ex. 19.** If the circle, described on a side of a triangle as diameter, bisects another side, the triangle is isosceles.

**Ex. 20.** All angles that are inscribed in a segment greater than a semicircle are acute, and all angles inscribed in a segment less than a semicircle are obtuse.

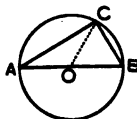


**Ex. 21.** An inscribed parallelogram is a rectangle.

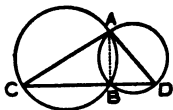
Prove arc  $ABC = \text{arc } ADC$ , etc.

**Ex. 22.** The diagonal of an inscribed rectangle is a diameter.

**Ex. 23.** A circle described on the hypotenuse of a right triangle as a diameter passes through the vertices of all the right triangles having the same hypotenuse.



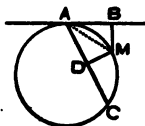
**Ex. 24.** If from one end of a diameter a chord is drawn, a perpendicular to it drawn from the other end of the diameter intersects the first chord on the circumference.



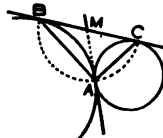
**Ex. 25.** If two circles intersect and a diameter is drawn in each circle through one of the points of intersection, the line joining the ends of these diameters passes through the other point of intersection. [Draw chord  $AB$ .]

**Ex. 26.** If a tangent is drawn at one end of a chord, the midpoint of the intercepted arc is equally distant from the chord and the tangent.

[Draw chord  $AM$  and prove the rt.  $\triangle$  congruent.]

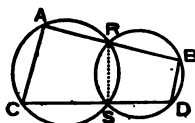


**Ex. 27.** If two circles are tangent at  $A$  and a common tangent touches them at  $B$  and  $C$ , the angle  $BAC$  is a right angle. [Draw tangent at  $A$ . Use 206, 240.]



**Ex. 28.** The bisectors of all the angles inscribed in the same segment of a circle pass through a common point.

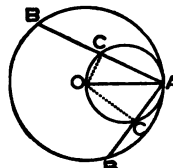
**Ex. 29.** If two circles intersect and a line is drawn through each point of intersection terminating in the circles, the chords joining these extremities are parallel. [Draw  $RS$ .  $\angle A$  is supp. of  $\angle RSC$  (?). Finally use 73.]



**Ex. 30.** A circle described on the radius of another circle as diameter bisects all chords of the larger circle drawn from their point of contact.

**To Prove:**  $AB$  is bisected at  $C$ .

**Proof:** Draw chord  $OC$ . (Use 240, 200).



**Ex. 31.** If two equal chords intersect within a circle, the segments of one are equal to the segments of the other, each to each.

**Ex. 32.** Prove Proposition XXV by drawing a diameter to the point of tangency, instead of a chord parallel to the tangent.

**Ex. 33.** If in figure of Ex. 25 above, line  $CD$  met the two circles at  $M$  and  $N$  instead of at a single point  $B$ , what could be said of the lines  $AM$  and  $AN$ ?

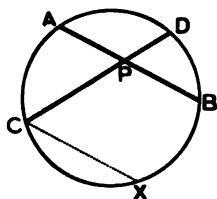
**Ex. 34.** If a circle is divided into four equal arcs and if chords of these arcs are drawn, the inscribed figure is a square.

## PROPOSITION XXVI. THEOREM

**242.** The angle formed by two chords intersecting within the circle is measured by half the *sum* of the intercepted arcs. (The arcs are those intercepted by the given angle and by its vertical angle.)

**Given:** Chords  $AB$  and  $CD$  intersecting at  $P$ ;  $\angle APC$ ; arcs  $AC$  and  $DB$ .

**To Prove:**  $\angle APC$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $AC$  + arc  $DB$ ).



**Proof:** Suppose  $CX$  drawn through  $C \parallel$  to  $AB$ .

Now  $\angle C$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $DX$  (236).

That is,  $\angle C$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $BX$  + arc  $DB$ ).

But  $\angle C = \angle APC$  (66).

Also arc  $BX =$  arc  $AC$  (220).

$\therefore \angle APC$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $AC$  + arc  $DB$ ) (Ax. 6).

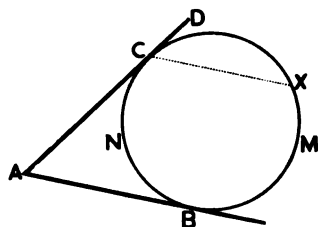
Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXVII. THEOREM

**243.** The angle formed by two tangents is measured by half the *difference* of the intercepted arcs.

**Given:** The two tangents  $AC$  and  $AB$ ;  $\angle A$ ; arcs  $CMB$  and  $CNB$ .

**To Prove:**  $\angle A$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $CMB$  - arc  $CNB$ ).



**Proof:** Suppose  $CX$  drawn  $\parallel$  to  $AB$ .

Now  $\angle DCX$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $CX$  (241).

That is,  $\angle DCX$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $CMB$  - arc  $BX$ ).

But  $\angle DCX = \angle A$  (67).

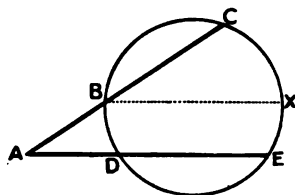
Also arc  $BX =$  arc  $CNB$  (220).

$\therefore \angle A$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $CMB$  - arc  $CNB$ ) (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXVIII. THEOREM

244. The angle formed by two secants which intersect without the circle is measured by half the *difference* of the intercepted arcs.



Given: (?).

To Prove: (?).

Proof: Suppose  $BX$  drawn. Where? How?

$\angle CBX$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $CX$

That is,  $\angle CBX$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $CE$  - arc  $XE$ ) (?)

But  $\angle CBX = \angle A$  (67).

And arc  $XE = \text{arc } BD$  (?)

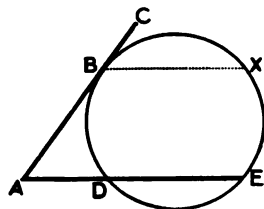
Substituting,  $\angle A$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $CE$  - arc  $BD$ )

(Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXIX. THEOREM

245. The angle formed by a tangent and a secant which intersect without the circle is measured by half the *difference* of the intercepted arcs.



Given: (?).

To Prove: (?).

Proof: Suppose  $BX$  drawn, etc.

$\angle CBX$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $BX$  (241).

That is,  $\angle CBX$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $BXE$  - arc  $XE$ ).

But  $\angle CBX = \angle A$  (?)

And arc  $XE = \text{arc } BD$  (?)

Substituting,  $\angle A$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  (arc  $BXE$  - arc  $BD$ ) (?)

Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** Where is the vertex of an angle that is measured by one arc? by half an arc? by half the sum of two arcs? by half the difference of two arcs?

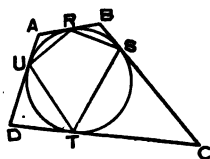
**Ex. 2.** State these truths all in a single theorem of your own.



## ORIGINAL EXERCISES

1. The arcs intercepted by two secants intersecting without a circle contain  $20^\circ$  and  $140^\circ$  respectively. How many degrees are there in the angle formed by the secants?
2. If in Ex. 1 the intersecting lines were chords, how many degrees would there be in their angle?
3. One of the arcs intercepted by two intersecting tangents is  $72^\circ$ . Find the angle formed by the tangents.
4. Two intersecting chords intercept opposite arcs of  $28^\circ$  and  $80^\circ$ . How many degrees are there in the angle formed by the chords?
5. The angle between a tangent and a chord contains  $27^\circ$ . How many degrees are there in the intercepted arc?
6. The angle between two chords is  $30^\circ$ ; one of the arcs intercepted is  $40^\circ$ . Find the other arc. [Denote the arc by  $x$ .]
7. If in figure of 241, arc  $AP$  contains  $124^\circ$ , how many degrees are there in  $\angle TPA$ ? in  $\angle NPA$ ? in arc  $AX$ ?
8. If in figure of 242, arc  $AC$  is  $85^\circ$ ,  $\angle APC$  is  $47^\circ$ , find arc  $DB$ .
9. If the arcs intercepted by two tangents contain  $80^\circ$  and  $280^\circ$ , find the angle formed by the tangents.
10. If the arcs intercepted by two secants contain  $35^\circ$  and  $185^\circ$ , find the angle formed by the secants.
11. If in figure of 243, arc  $CB$  is  $135^\circ$ , find the angle  $A$ .
12. If in figure of 244, angle  $A = 42^\circ$  and arc  $BD = 70^\circ$ , find arc  $CE$ .
13. If in figure of 245, angle  $A = 18^\circ$ , arc  $BXE = 190^\circ$ , find arc  $BD$ .
14. If the angle between two tangents is  $80^\circ$ , find the number of degrees in each intercepted arc. [Denote the arcs by  $x$  and  $360^\circ - x$ .]
15. Three of the intercepted arcs of a circumscribed quadrilateral are  $68^\circ$ ,  $98^\circ$ ,  $114^\circ$ . Find the angles of the quadrilateral. If the chords are drawn connecting (in order) the four points of contact, find the angles of this inscribed quadrilateral. Also find the angles between the diagonals of the two quadrilaterals.
16. If the angle between two tangents to a circle is  $40^\circ$ , find the other angles of the triangle formed by drawing the chord joining the points of contact.

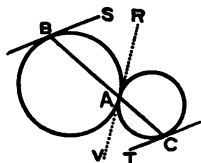
17. The circumference of a circle is divided into four arcs, three of which are,  $RS = 62^\circ$ ,  $ST = 142^\circ$ ,  $TU = 98^\circ$ . Find:



- (1) Arc  $UR$ .
- (2) The three angles at  $R$ ; at  $S$ ; at  $T$ ; at  $U$ .
- (3) The angles  $A, B, C, D$  of circumscribed quadrilateral.
- (4) The angles between the diagonals  $RT$  and  $SU$ .
- (5) The angle between  $RU$  and  $ST$  at their point of intersection (if produced).
- (6) The angle between  $RS$  and  $TU$  at their intersection.
- (7) The angle between  $AD$  and  $BC$  at their intersection.
- (8) The angle between  $AB$  and  $DC$  at their intersection.
- (9) The angle between  $RS$  and  $DC$  at their intersection.
- (10) The angle between  $AD$  and  $ST$  at their intersection.

18. If in the figure of Ex. 17,  $\angle A = 96^\circ$ ;  $\angle B = 112^\circ$ ; and  $\angle C = 68^\circ$ , find the angles of the quadrilateral  $RSTU$ . [Denote arc  $RU$  by  $x$ .  $\therefore$  in  $\triangle ARU$ ,  $96^\circ + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x = 180^\circ$ .  $\therefore x = \text{etc.}$ ]

19. If two circles are tangent externally and any line through their point of contact intersects them at  $B$  and  $C$ , the tangents at  $B$  and  $C$  are parallel. [Draw common tangent at  $A$ . Prove:  $\angle ACT = \angle ABS$ .]

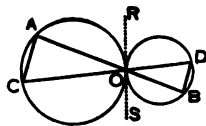


20. Prove the same theorem if the circles are tangent internally.

21. If two circles are tangent externally and any line is drawn through their point of contact terminating in the circles, the two diameters drawn to the extremities are parallel.

22. Prove the same theorem if the circles are tangent internally.

23. If two circles are tangent externally and any two lines are drawn through their point of contact intersecting the circles, the chords joining these points of intersection are parallel.



[Draw common tangent at  $O$ . Prove:  $\angle C = \angle D$ .]

24. Prove the same theorem if the circles are tangent internally.

25. Prove the theorem of 242 by drawing  $AD$  instead of  $CX$ , and using  $\angle APC$  as an exterior angle of  $\triangle APD$ .

26. Prove the theorem of 243 by drawing  $BC$  and using  $\angle DCB$  as an exterior angle of  $\triangle ABC$ .

27. Prove the theorem of 244 by drawing  $CD$  and using angle  $CDE$  as an exterior angle of triangle  $ACD$ .

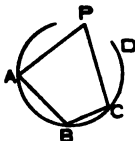
28. Prove the same theorem by drawing  $BE$ .

29. Prove the theorem of 245 by drawing  $BE$ .

30. If the opposite angles of a quadrilateral are supplementary, a circle can be drawn circumscribing it.

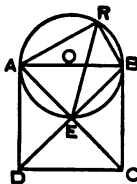
**To Prove:** A  $\odot$  can be drawn through  $A, B, C, P$ .

**Proof:** A  $\odot$  can be drawn through  $A, B, C$  (?). It is required to prove that it will contain point  $P$ .  $\angle P + \angle B$  are supp. (?)  $\therefore$  they must be meas. by half the entire circle.  $\angle B$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $ADC$  (?). Hence  $\angle P$  is meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $ABC$ . If  $\angle P$  is *within* or *without* the circle, it is not meas. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $ABC$ . (Why not?)



31. The circle described on the side of a square, or of a rhombus, as a diameter passes through the point of intersection of the diagonals. [Use 135, 141.]

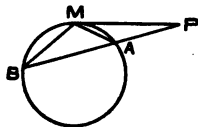
32. The line joining the vertex of the right angle of a right triangle to the point of intersection of the diagonals of the square constructed upon the hypotenuse as a side, bisects the right angle of the triangle.



**Proof:** Describe a  $\odot$  upon the hypotenuse as diameter and use 141, 196, 237.

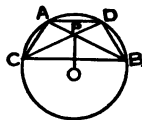
33. If two secants,  $PAB$  and  $PCD$ , meet a circle at  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$ , respectively, the triangles  $PBC$  and  $PAD$  are mutually equiangular.

34. If  $PAB$  is a secant and  $PM$  is a tangent to a circle from  $P$ , the triangles  $PAM$  and  $PBM$  are mutually equiangular.



35. If two equal chords intersect within a circle,

- (1) One pair of intercepted arcs are equal.
- (2) Corresponding parts of the chords are equal.
- (3) The lines joining their extremities (in order) form an isosceles trapezoid.
- (4) The radius drawn to their intersection bisects their angle.

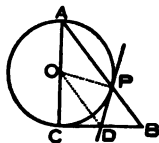


**36.** If a secant intersects a circle at  $D$  and  $E$ ,  $PC$  is a parallel chord, and  $PR$  a tangent at  $P$  meeting the secant at  $R$ , the triangles  $PCD$  and  $PRD$  are mutually equiangular. [ $\angle R$  and  $\angle CDP$  are measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $PC$ . (Explain.) Etc.]

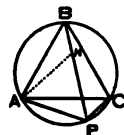


**37.** If a circle is described upon one leg of a right triangle as diameter and a tangent is drawn at the point of its intersection with the hypotenuse, this tangent bisects the other leg.

[Draw  $OP$  and  $OD$ .  $CD$  is tangent (?).  $OD$  bisects arc  $PC$  (207).  $\angle COD = \angle A$  (237).  $\therefore OD$  is  $\parallel$  to  $AB$  (?). Etc.]



**38.** If an equilateral triangle  $ABC$  is inscribed in a circle and  $P$  is any point of arc  $AC$ ,  $AP + PC = BP$ . [Take  $PN = PA$ ; draw  $AN$ .  $\triangle ANP$  is equilateral. (Explain.)  $\triangle ANB = \triangle APC$  (?). Etc.]

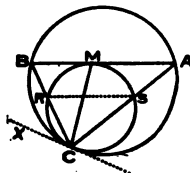


**39.** If two circles are tangent internally at  $C$ , and a chord  $AB$  of the larger circle is tangent to the less circle at  $M$ , the line  $CM$  bisects the angle  $ACB$ .

[Draw tangent  $CX$  and chord  $RS$ . (Explain.)

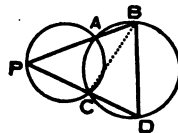
$$\angle RSC = \angle BCX = \angle A.$$

$$\therefore AB \text{ is } \parallel \text{ to } RS \text{ (?). Etc.}]$$



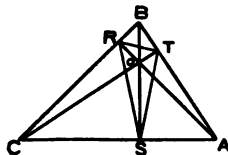
**40.** If two circles intersect at  $A$  and  $C$  and lines are drawn from any point  $P$ , in one circle, through  $A$  and  $C$  terminating in the other at points  $B$  and  $D$ , chord  $BD$  will be of constant length for all positions of point  $P$ .

[Draw  $BC$ . Prove  $\angle BCD$ , the ext.  $\angle$  of  $\triangle PBC$ , = a constant. Etc.]



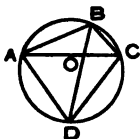
**41.** The perpendiculars from the vertices of a triangle to the opposite sides are the bisectors of the angles of the triangle formed by joining the feet of these perpendiculars.

To Prove :  $BS$  bisects  $\angle RST$ , etc.



**Proof:** If a circle is described on  $AO$  as diam., it will pass through  $T$  and  $S$  (141). If a circle is described on  $OC$  as diam., it will pass through  $R$  and  $S$  (?).  $\therefore \angle BAR = \angle BST$  (?); and  $\angle BCT = \angle BSR$  (?). But  $\angle BAR = \angle BCT$ . (Each is the comp. of  $\angle ABC$ .)  $\therefore$  Etc.

42. If  $ABC$  is a triangle inscribed in a circle,  $BD$  is the bisector of angle  $ABC$ , meeting  $AC$  at  $O$  and the circle at  $D$ , the triangles  $AOB$  and  $COD$  are mutually equiangular. Also triangles  $BOC$  and  $AOD$ . Also triangles  $BOC$  and  $ABD$ . Also triangles  $AOD$  and  $ABD$ . Also triangles  $BCD$  and  $COD$ .



43. If two circles intersect at  $A$  and  $B$ , and from  $P$ , any point on one of them, lines  $AP$  and  $BP$  are drawn cutting the other circle again at  $C$  and  $D$  respectively,  $CD$  is parallel to the tangent at  $P$ .

44. If two circles intersect at  $A$  and  $B$ , and through  $B$  a line is drawn meeting the circles at  $R$  and  $S$  respectively, the angle  $RAS$  is constant for all positions of the line  $RS$ .

[Prove  $\angle R + \angle S$  is constant.  $\therefore \angle RAS$  is also constant.]

45. Two circles intersect at  $A$ , and through  $A$  any secant is drawn meeting the circles again at  $M$  and  $N$ . Prove that the tangents at  $M$  and  $N$  meet at an angle which remains constant for all positions of the secant.

[Prove the angle between these tangents equal to the angle between the tangents to the circles at  $A$ .]

46. Two equal circles intersect at  $A$  and  $B$ , and through  $A$  any straight line  $MAN$  is drawn, meeting the circles at  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Prove chord  $BM =$  chord  $BN$ .

47. If the midpoint of the arc subtended by any chord is joined to the extremities of any other chord,

(1) The triangles formed are mutually equiangular. (2) The opposite angles of the quadrilateral thus formed are supplementary.

48. Two circles meet at  $A$  and  $B$  and a tangent to each circle is drawn at  $A$ , meeting the circles at  $R$  and  $S$  respectively. Prove that the triangles  $ABR$  and  $ABS$  are mutually equiangular.

49. Two chords intersecting within a circle divide the circumference into parts that bear the relation to each other of 1, 2, 3, 4. Find the angles made by the chords. [Denote the arcs by  $x, 2x, 3x, 4x$ .]

50. If  $ABCD$  is an inscribed quadrilateral,  $AB$  and  $DC$  produced to meet at  $E$ ,  $AD$  and  $BC$  produced to meet at  $F$ , the bisectors of angles  $E$  and  $F$  are perpendicular.

[The difference of one pair of arcs = difference of a second pair; the difference of a third pair = difference of a fourth pair. (Explain.) Transpose negative terms and add correctly, noting that the sum of 4 arcs = sum of 4 others, and hence =  $180^\circ$ . Half the sum of these 4 arcs measures the angle between the bisectors. (Explain.) Etc.]

## LOCI

**246.** The **locus** of a point is the series of positions the point must occupy in order that it may satisfy a given condition. It is the path of a point whose positions are limited or defined by a given condition, or given conditions.

**247. Explanatory.** I. If a point is moving so that it is always one inch from a given point, the moving point may occupy any position in a circle whose center is the fixed point and whose radius is one inch. Furthermore, this moving point cannot occupy any position outside of the circle, or its position will not fulfill the given condition.

**THEOREM.** The locus of points in a plane a given distance from a given point is a circle the center of which is the given point and the radius of which is the given distance.

II. If a point is moving so that it is always equally distant from the ends of a straight line, it must move in the perpendicular bisector of the line.

**THEOREM.** The locus of points equally distant from the ends of a line is the perpendicular bisector of the line.

**Proof:** Every point *in* the  $\perp$  bisector is equally distant from the ends of the line. (80.)

No point *without* this  $\perp$  fulfills that condition. (81.)

$\therefore$  the  $\perp$  bisector is the locus. (246.)

III. **THEOREM.** The locus of points equally distant from the sides of an angle is the bisector of the angle.

**Proof:** Any point within the bisector of an angle is equally distant from the sides. (94.)

Any point equally distant from the sides of an angle lies in the bisector. (95.)

Hence all the points in the bisector fulfill the condition and there are no other points that fulfill it.

That is, the bisector is the locus, etc.

Q.E.D.

IV. The method of proving that a certain line or a group of lines is the locus of points satisfying a given condition, consists in proving that *every point* in the line fulfills the given requirement, and that there is *no other point* that fulfills it. In the above illustrations it is evident that every point in the lines that were called the "locus," fulfilled the conditions of the case. It is evident also that there is no point outside these "loci" that does so fulfill the conditions. That is, these "loci" contain *all* the points described.

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#### ORIGINAL EXERCISES ON LOCI

1. What is the locus of a point so moving that it is always two feet away from a given line?

2. What is the locus of a point so moving that it is always equally distant from two parallel lines?

3. What is the locus of points equally distant from two given fixed points?

4. If all the radii of a circle were drawn, what would be the locus of their midpoints?

5. If all possible lines were drawn from a vertex of a triangle and terminating in the opposite side, what would be the locus of their midpoints?

6. What is the locus of the midpoints of a series of parallel chords in a circle? Prove.

7. What is the locus of the midpoints of all chords of the same length in a given circle? Prove.

8. What is the locus of all points from which two equal tangents can be drawn to two circles which are tangent to each other?

9. What is the locus of all points at a given distance from a given circumference? Discuss if the distance is  $>$  radius. If it is less.

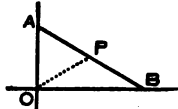
10. What is the locus of the vertices of the right angles of all the right triangles that can be constructed on a given hypotenuse? Prove.

11. What is the locus of the vertices of all the triangles which have a given acute angle (at that vertex) and have a given base? Prove.

**12.** A line of given length moves so that its ends are in two perpendicular lines. What is the locus of its midpoint? Prove.

[Suppose  $AB$  represents one of the positions of the moving line. Draw  $OP$  to its midpoint. In all the positions of  $AB$ ,  $OP = \frac{1}{2} AB = \text{a constant}$  (141).

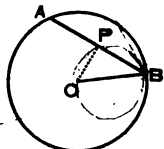
$\therefore P$  is always a fixed distance from  $O$ . Etc.]



**13.** What is the locus of the midpoints of all the chords that can be drawn through a fixed point on a given circle?

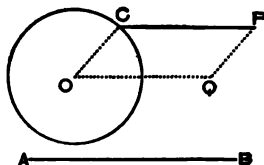
[Suppose  $AB$  represents one of the chords from  $B$  in circle  $O$ , with radius  $OB$ ; and  $P$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ . Draw  $OP$ .  $\angle P$  is a rt.  $\angle$  (?). That is, wherever the chord may be drawn,  $\angle P$  is a rt.  $\angle$ .

$\therefore$  locus of  $P$  is, etc.]



**14.** A definite line which is always parallel to a given line moves so that one of its extremities is on a given circle. Find the locus of the other extremity.

[Suppose  $CP$  represents one position of the moving line  $CP$ . Draw  $OQ =$  and  $\parallel$  to  $CP$  from center  $O$ . Join  $OC$  and  $PQ$ . Wherever  $CP$  is, this figure is a  $\square$  (?). Its sides are of constant length (?). That is,  $P$  is always a fixed distance from  $Q$ , etc.]



**15.** What is the locus of the centers of all circles tangent to a given line at a given point? to a given circle at a given point?

**16.** A parallelogram,  $ABCD$ , is hinged at the vertices, and  $AB$  only is fixed in position. What is the locus of vertex  $C$ ? of vertex  $D$ ? of the midpoint of  $BC$ ? of the midpoint of  $CD$ ?

**248.** Heretofore only a few of the simplest exercises in construction have been given (pages 8–12), and formal proofs of these were not required.

The following methods for constructing lines are given so that mathematical precision may be employed in drawing accurate diagrams of a complex nature. No construction is considered valid unless a proof of its correctness can be given.

The pupil should be familiar with the use of the ruler and compasses.



## CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS

**249.** A geometrical **construction** is a diagram made of points and lines.

**250.** A geometrical **problem** is the statement of a required construction. Thus, "It is required to bisect a line" is a problem. A problem is sometimes defined as "a question to be solved" and includes other varieties besides those involved in geometry.

**251.** The word **proposition** is used to include both *theorem* and *problem*.

**252.** The complete solution of a problem consists of *five* parts:

- I. The **Given** data are to be described.
- II. The **Required** construction is to be stated.
- III. The **Construction** is to be outlined.

This part usually contains the verb only in the *imperative*. The only limitation in this part of the process is that every construction demanded shall have been shown possible by previous constructions or postulates. (See 32, 33, 186.)

IV. The **Statement** that the required construction has been completed.

V. The **Proof** of this declaration.

Frequently a **discussion** of ambiguous or impossible instances is necessary.

**253. NOTES.** (1) A straight line is determined by two points.

(2) A circle is determined by three points.

(3) A circle is determined by its center and its radius. Whenever a circumference, or even an arc, is to be drawn, it is *essential* that the **center** and the **radius** be mentioned.

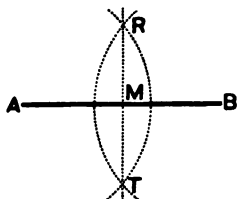
(4) "Q.E.F." = *Quod erat faciendum* — "which was to be done." These letters follow the statement that the construction which was required has been accomplished.

## PROPOSITION XXX. PROBLEM

254. To bisect a given line.

**Given:** The definite line  $AB$ .**Required:** To bisect  $AB$ .

**Construction:** Using  $A$  and  $B$  as centers and *one* radius, sufficiently long to make the circumferences intersect, describe two arcs meeting at  $R$  and  $T$ . Draw  $RT$  meeting  $AB$  at  $M$ .

**Statement:** Point  $M$  bisects  $AB$ .

Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $R$  is equally distant from  $A$  and  $B$ 

(188).

 $T$  is equally distant from  $A$  and  $B$ 

(?).

Hence  $RT$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of  $AB$ 

(83).

That is,

 $M$  bisects  $AB$ .

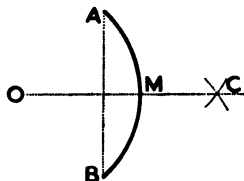
Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXXI. PROBLEM

255. PROBLEM. To bisect a given arc.

**Given:** Arc  $AB$  whose center is  $O$ .**Required:** To bisect arc  $AB$ .

**Construction:** Draw chord  $AB$ . Using  $A$  and  $B$  as centers and any sufficient radius, describe arcs meeting at  $C$ . Draw  $OC$  cutting arc  $AB$  at  $M$ .

**Statement:** The point  $M$  bisects arc  $AB$ .

Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $O$  and  $C$  are each equally distant from  $A$  and  $B$  (188). $\therefore OC$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of chord  $AB$ 

(83).

 $\therefore M$  bisects arc  $AB$ 

(200).

Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** Construct the supplement of a given angle.**Ex. 2.** Divide a given line into four equal parts.**Ex. 3.** Divide a given arc into four equal arcs.

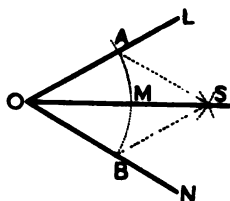
## PROPOSITION XXXII. PROBLEM

256. To bisect a given angle.

Given:  $\angle LON$ .

Required: To bisect  $\angle LON$ .

**Construction:** Using  $O$  as a center and any radius, draw arc  $AB$ , cutting  $LO$  at  $A$  and  $NO$  at  $B$ . Using  $A$  and  $B$  as centers and any sufficient radius, draw two arcs intersecting at  $S$ . Draw  $OS$  meeting arc  $AB$  at  $M$ .



**Statement:**  $OS$  bisects  $\angle LON$ .

Q.E.F.

**Proof:** Draw  $AS$  and  $BS$ . In  $\triangle AOS$  and  $BOS$ ,  $OS = OS$  (?).

$$OA = OB \text{ and } AS = BS$$

(188).

$$\therefore \triangle AOS \cong \triangle BOS$$

(?).

$$\therefore \angle AOS = \angle BOS$$

(?).

Q.E.D.

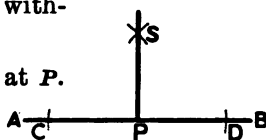
## PROPOSITION XXXIII. PROBLEM

257. At a fixed point in a straight line to erect a perpendicular to that line.

Given: Line  $AB$  and point  $P$  within it.

Required: To erect a line  $\perp$  to  $AB$  at  $P$ .

**Construction:** Using  $P$  as a center and any radius, draw arcs meeting  $AB$  at  $C$  and  $D$ . Using  $C$  and  $D$  as centers and a radius longer than before, draw arcs meeting at  $S$ . Draw  $PS$ .



**Statement:**  $PS$  is  $\perp$  to  $AB$  at  $P$ .

Q.E.F.

**Proof:** Points  $P$  and  $S$  are each equally distant from  $C$  and  $D$ .

(188).

$$\therefore PS \text{ is the } \perp \text{ bisector of } CD$$

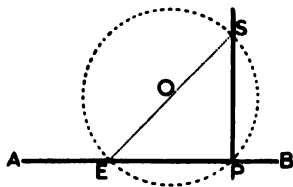
(83).

That is,

$$PS \text{ is } \perp \text{ to } AB.$$

Q.E.D.

**Another Construction :** Using any point  $O$ , without  $AB$ , as center, and  $OP$  as radius, describe a circumference, cutting  $AB$  at  $P$  and  $E$ . Draw diameter  $EOS$ . Join  $SP$ .



**Statement :**  $SP$  is  $\perp$  to  $AB$  at  $P$ .

Q.E.F.

**Proof :** Segment  $SPE$  is a semicircle (191).

$\therefore \angle SPE$  is a rt.  $\angle$  (240).

$\therefore SP$  is  $\perp$  to  $AB$  (16). Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** Construct a right angle.

**Ex. 2.** Construct an angle of  $45^\circ$ ; of  $135^\circ$ ; of  $22^\circ 30'$ ; of  $67^\circ 30'$ .

**Ex. 3.** Construct the complement of a given angle.

**Ex. 4.** Find the center of a given circle.

**Ex. 5.** Construct the second acute angle of a rt.  $\Delta$  if one is known.

**Ex. 6.** Construct a chord of a circle if its midpoint is known.

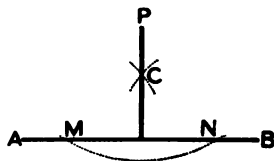
#### PROPOSITION XXXIV. PROBLEM

**258.** Through a point without a line to draw a perpendicular to that line.

**Given :** Line  $AB$  and point  $P$  without it.

**Required :** (?).

**Construction :** Using  $P$  as a center and any sufficient radius, describe an arc intersecting  $AB$  at  $M$  and  $N$ . Using  $M$  and  $N$  as centers and any sufficient radius, describe arcs intersecting each other at  $C$ . Draw  $PC$ .



**Statement :**  $PC$  is  $\perp$  to  $AB$  from  $P$ .

Q.E.F.

**Proof :**  $P$  and  $C$  are each equally distant from  $M$  and  $N$

(188).

$\therefore PC$  is the  $\perp$  bisector of  $MN$

(83).

That is,

$PC$  is  $\perp$  to  $AB$  from  $P$ .

Q.E.D.

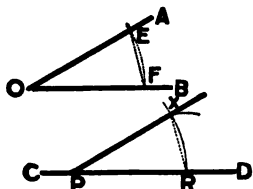
## PROPOSITION XXXV. PROBLEM

259. At a given point in a given line to construct an angle which shall be equal to a given angle.

Given:  $\angle AOB$ ; point  $P$  in line  $CD$ .

Required: To construct at  $P$  an  $\angle =$  to  $\angle AOB$ .

Construction: Using  $O$  as a center with any radius, describe an arc cutting  $OA$  at  $E$  and  $OB$  at  $F$ . Draw chord  $EF$ . Using  $P$  as a center and  $OE$  as a radius, describe an arc cutting  $CD$  at  $R$ . Using  $R$  as a center and chord  $EF$  as a radius, describe an arc cutting the former arc at  $X$ . Draw  $PX$  and chord  $RX$ .



Statement:  $\angle XPD = \angle AOB$ .

Q.E.F.

Proof:  $OE = PX$  and  $OF = PR$  and  $EF = XR$

(188).

$\therefore \triangle OEF \cong \triangle PXR$

(?).

$\therefore \angle XPD = \angle O$

(?).

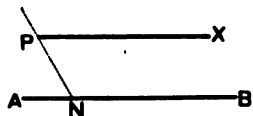
Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXXVI. PROBLEM

260. To draw a line through a given point parallel to a given line.

Given: Point  $P$  and line  $AB$ .

Required: To draw through  $P$ , a line  $\parallel$  to  $AB$ .



Construction: Draw through  $P$  any line  $PN$ , meeting  $AB$  at  $N$ .

On this line, at  $P$ , construct  $\angle NPX =$  to  $\angle ANP$  (259).

Statement:  $PX$  is  $\parallel$  to  $AB$ .

Q.E.F.

Proof:

$\angle NPX = \angle ANP$

(Const.).

$\therefore PX$  is  $\parallel$  to  $AB$

(70).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXXVII. PROBLEM

**261. To divide a line into any number of equal parts.**

**Given:** Definite line  $AB$ .

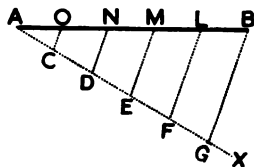
**Required:** To divide it into five equal parts.

**Construction:** Draw through  $A$  any other line  $AX$ . On this take any length  $AC$  as a unit, and mark off on  $AX$  five of these units,  $AC, CD, DE, EF, FG$ . Draw  $GB$ .

Through  $F, E, D, C$ , draw  $\parallel$  to  $GB$ , lines  $FL, EM, DN, CO$ .

**Statement:** Then  $AO = ON = NM = ML = LB$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $AC = CD = DE = EF = FG$  (Const.).  
 $\therefore AO = ON = NM = ML = LB$  (140).  
Q.E.D.



**Ex. 1.** Find a point in one side of a triangle equally distant from the other sides.

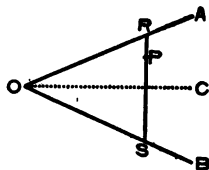
**Ex. 2.** Construct the shortest chord that can be drawn through a given point within a circle.

**Proof:** Draw any other chord through the point, etc.

**Ex. 3.** Draw through a given point without a given line, another line which shall make a given angle with the line.

**Construction:** Construct an  $\angle$  at any point in the given line = to given  $\angle$ , etc.

**Ex. 4.** Construct through a given point a line which makes equal angles with two intersecting lines.



**Ex. 5.** Bisect the three sides of a triangle, and draw the medians. Do they meet in a point?

**Ex. 6.** Draw accurately the three altitudes of a triangle. Do they meet in a point?

**Ex. 7.** Draw accurately the three perpendicular bisectors of the sides of a triangle. Do they meet in a point?

**Ex. 8.** Draw accurately the three bisectors of the angles of a triangle. Do they meet in a point?

## PROPOSITION XXXVIII. PROBLEM

262. To draw a tangent to a given circle through a given point:

I. If the point is on the circle.

II. If the point is without the circle.

I. Given:  $\odot O$ ;  $P$ , a point on the circle.

Required: To draw a tangent through  $P$ .

Construction: Draw the radius  $OP$ . Draw line  $AB \perp$  to  $OP$  at  $P$  (by 257).

Statement:  $AB$  is tangent to  $\odot O$  at  $P$ .

Q.E.F.

Proof:  $AB$  is  $\perp$  to  $OP$  at  $P$

(Const.).

$\therefore AB$  is a tangent

(202). Q.E.D.

II. Given:  $\odot O$ ;  $P$ , a point without it.

Required: To draw a tangent through  $P$ .

Construction: Draw  $PO$ ; bisect it at  $M$  (by 254).

Using  $M$  as a center and  $PM$  as a radius, describe a circumference intersecting  $\odot O$  at  $A$  and  $B$ .

Draw  $PA$ ,  $PB$ ,  $OA$ ,  $OB$ .

Statement:  $PA$  and  $PB$  are tangents through  $P$

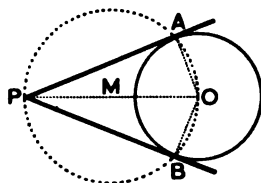
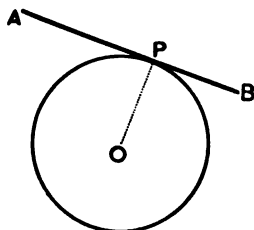
Q.E.F.

Proof:  $\odot M$  passes through  $O$  ( $PM = MO$  by const.).

$\therefore \angle PAO$  is a rt.  $\angle$  (240).

$\therefore PA$  is a tangent (202).

Similarly,  $PB$  is a tangent. Q.E.D.



NOTE. The student has probably observed that in constructions certain lines and angles *must precede* others. The *order* of the successive steps is an important consideration. Thus, in 261 and 262 certain lines must be drawn before others *can* be drawn.

## PROPOSITION XXXIX. PROBLEM

263. To circumscribe a circle about a given triangle.

Given: (?).

Required: (?). (See 214.)

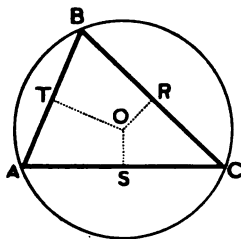
Construction: Bisect  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $AC$ .

Erect  $\perp$ s at  $T$ ,  $R$ ,  $S$ , meeting at  $O$ .

Using  $O$  as a center and  $OA$  as radius, draw a circle.

Statement: This  $\odot$  will pass through vertices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ . Q.E.F.

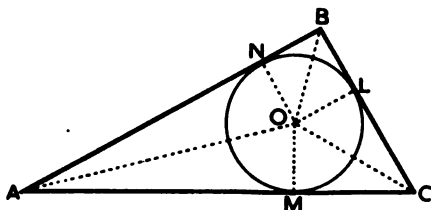
Proof: (100).



Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XL. PROBLEM

264. To inscribe a circle in a given triangle.



Given: (?). Required: (?).

Construction: Draw the three bisectors of the  $\angle$ s of  $\triangle ABC$ , meeting at  $O$  (by 256). Draw  $\perp$ s from  $O$  to the three sides. Using  $O$  as a center and one  $\perp$  as a radius, draw a  $\odot$ .

Statement: This  $\odot$  will be tangent to the three sides of  $\triangle ABC$ . Q.E.F.

Proof: The bisectors of these angles meet in a point and the  $\perp$ s  $OL$ ,  $OM$ ,  $ON$  are equal (99).

$\therefore$  the circumference passes through  $L$ ,  $M$ ,  $N$  (179).

Also the three sides are tangent to the  $\odot$  (202).

That is, the  $\odot O$  is inscribed in  $\triangle ABC$  (221).

Q.E.D.



**265.** If a circle is described tangent to one side of a triangle and tangent to the prolongations of the other sides, it is called an **escribed circle**. Every triangle may have three escribed circles.

PROPOSITION XLI. PROBLEM

**266.** To construct a parallelogram if two sides and the included angle are given.

**Given:** The sides  $a$  and  $b$  and their included angle,  $x$ .

**Required:** To construct a  $\square$  containing these parts.

**Construction:** Take a straight line  $PQ = \text{to } a$ .

At  $P$  construct  $\angle P = \text{to } \angle x$ . On  $PW$ , the side of this  $\angle$ , take  $PR = \text{to } b$ .

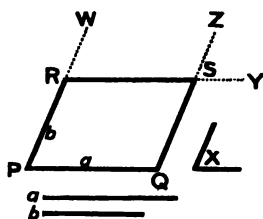
At  $R$  draw  $RY \parallel \text{to } PQ$ ; and at  $Q$  draw  $QZ \parallel \text{to } PW$ .

Denote the intersection of these lines by  $S$ .

**Statement:**  $PQSR$  is the required parallelogram. Q.E.F.

**Proof:** First, it is a parallelogram. (Def.).

Second, it is *the required* parallelogram. (Because it contains the given parts.) Q.E.D.



**Ex. 1.** Draw a triangle and all its exterior angles. Bisect these to find centers of escribed circles. What are the radii of these circles? Draw the three escribed circles.

**Ex. 2.** Draw a rectangle, having given two sides.

**Ex. 3.** What several things must be known about a circle before you can draw a tangent?

**Ex. 4.** Is a radius of a circle a tangent? Why?

**Ex. 5.** How can one find the center of a given arc? Is this the same as its midpoint?

**Ex. 6.** Give another method of solving Proposition XXXVII.

**Ex. 7.** If a hundred triangles stood on the same base, and all their vertex angles were equal, where would all their vertices be?

## PROPOSITION XLII. PROBLEM

267. To construct a segment of a circle upon a given line, as chord, which shall contain angles equal to a given angle.

**Given:** Line  $AB$  and  $\angle K'$ .

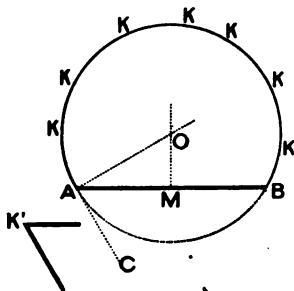
**Required:** To construct a segment upon  $AB$  the inscribed angles of which shall  $= \angle K'$ .

**Construction:** Construct at  $A$ ,  $\angle BAC = \text{to } \angle K'$ .

Bisect  $AB$  at  $M$ .

At  $M$  erect  $OM \perp$  to  $AB$ .

At  $A$  erect  $OA \perp$  to  $AC$ , meeting  $OM$  at  $O$ .



Using  $O$  as a center and  $OA$  as radius, describe  $\odot O$ .

**Statement:** The  $\angle$  inscribed in segment  $AKB = \angle K'$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:** The circle passes through  $B$  (80).

$\therefore AB$  is a chord (181).

$AC$  is a tangent to the  $\odot$  (202).

$\therefore \angle BAC$  is meas. by half the arc  $AB$  (241).

Any angle inscribed in  $AKB$  is meas. by half arc  $AB$  (236).

$\therefore$  any angle  $AKB = \angle BAC$  (237).

$\therefore$  any inscribed  $\angle AKB = \angle K'$  (Ax. 1).

Q.E.D.

[Let the pupil draw chords  $AK$  and  $BK$ , which were purposely omitted.]

**Historical Note.** Substantial contributions were made to the advancement of geometrical science by Hippocrates, a Greek philosopher, who, during the fifth century B.C., discovered many properties of the circle. He was the first to employ the method of proof known as the *reductio ad absurdum*, and he wrote the first text book on geometry. He was not aware of the truth that equal central angles and equal inscribed angles intercept equal arcs, although he knew that areas of circles are proportional to the squares of their radii.

## PROPOSITION XLIII. PROBLEM

**268. To construct the third angle of a triangle if two angles are known.**

**Given:**  $\angle A$  and  $B$ , two  $\angle$ s of a  $\Delta$ .

**Required:** To construct the third.

**Construction:** At point  $O$  in line  $RS$  construct  $\angle a =$  to  $\angle A$ .

At point  $O$  in  $OT$  construct  $\angle b =$  to  $\angle B$ .

**Statement:** The  $\angle VOR =$  the third  $\angle$  of the  $\Delta$ . Q.E.F.

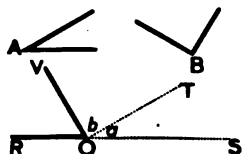
**Proof:**  $\angle a + \angle b + \angle VOR = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle$  (46).

$\angle A + \angle B + \text{the third } \angle \text{ of the } \Delta = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle$  (104).

$\therefore \angle a + \angle b + \angle VOR = \angle A + \angle B + \text{the third } \angle$   
(Ax. 1).

But  $\angle a + \angle b = \angle A + \angle B$  (Const. and Ax. 2).

Subtracting,  $\angle VOR =$  the third  $\angle$  of the  $\Delta$  (Ax. 2).  
Q.E.D.



## PROPOSITION XLIV. PROBLEM

**269. To construct a triangle if the three sides are known.**

**Given:** Sides  $a, b, c$  of a  $\Delta$ .

**Required:** To construct the  $\Delta$ .

**Construction:**

Draw  $RS =$  to  $a$ .

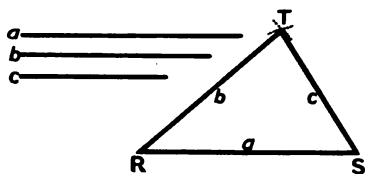
Using  $R$  as a center and  $b$  as a radius, describe an arc. Using  $S$  as a center and  $c$  as a radius, describe an arc intersecting the former arc at  $T$ . Draw  $RT$  and  $ST$ .

**Statement:**  $\Delta RST$  is the required  $\Delta$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $RST$  is a  $\Delta$  (23).

$RST$  is the required  $\Delta$ . (It contains  $a, b, c$ .) Q.E.D.

**Discussion:** Is this problem ever impossible? When?



**Ex. 1.** Construct an angle of  $60^\circ$ ; of  $30^\circ$ ; of  $15^\circ$ ; of  $7^\circ 30'$ ; of  $75^\circ$ .

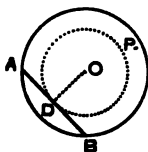
**Ex. 2.** Trisect a right angle.

**Ex. 3.** Construct a tangent to a circle, parallel to a given line.

**Ex. 4.** Construct a tangent to a given circle perpendicular to a given line.

**Ex. 5.** Construct through a given point within a circle, two chords each equal to a given chord. Is this ever impossible?

**Ex. 6.** Construct in a given circle a chord equal to a second chord and parallel to a third.



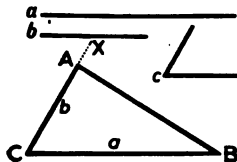
### PROPOSITION XLV. PROBLEM

**270.** To construct a triangle if two sides and the included angle are known.

**Given:** The sides  $a$  and  $b$ , and their included  $\angle c$  in a  $\Delta$ .

**Required:** To construct the  $\Delta$ .

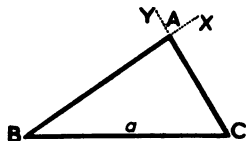
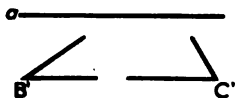
**Construction:** Draw  $CB =$  to  $a$ . At  $C$  construct  $\angle BCX =$  to given  $\angle c$ . On  $CX$  take  $CA =$  to  $b$ . Join  $AB$ .



**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?). **Discussion:** (?).

### PROPOSITION XLVI. PROBLEM

**271.** To construct a triangle if a side and the two angles adjoining it are known.



**Given:** (?). **Required:** (?).

**Construction:** Draw  $BC =$  to  $a$ . At  $B$  construct  $\angle CBX =$  to  $\angle B'$ ; at  $C$  construct  $\angle BCY =$  to  $\angle C'$ . Denote the point of intersection of  $BX$  and  $CY$  by  $A$ .

**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?). **Discussion:** (?).

## PROPOSITION XLVII. PROBLEM

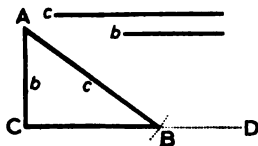
**272. To construct a right triangle if the hypotenuse and a leg are known.**

**Given:** Hypotenuse  $c$ ; leg  $b$ .

**Required:** (?).

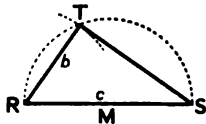
**Construction:** Draw an indefinite line  $CD$  and at  $C$  erect a  $\perp =$  to  $b$ .

Using  $A$  as a center and  $c$  as a radius, describe an arc cutting  $CD$  at  $B$ . Draw  $AB$ .



**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?). **Discussion:** (?).

**Another Construction:** Take a line,  $RS =$  to  $c$ . With its midpoint  $M$ , as center, and  $RM$  as radius describe a semicircle. With  $R$  as center and  $b$  as radius, describe an arc cutting the semicircumference at  $T$ . Draw  $TR$  and  $TS$ .



**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?). **Discussion:** (?).

## PROPOSITION XLVIII. PROBLEM

**273. To construct a triangle if an angle, a side adjoining it, and the side opposite it are known; that is, if two sides and an angle opposite one of them are known.**

The known angle may be obtuse, right, or acute. Consider:

First, If "side opposite"  $>$  "side adjoining."

Second, If "side opposite"  $=$  "side adjoining."

Third, If "side opposite"  $<$  "side adjoining."

**Construction for all:** Draw an indefinite line,  $CX$ , and at one extremity construct an  $\angle =$  to  $\angle C$ . Take on the side of this angle a distance from the vertex equal to the "side adjoining." Using the end of this side as a center and the "side opposite" as a radius, describe an arc intersecting  $CX$ . Draw radius to the intersection just found.

If the known angle is obtuse or right.

**Given:**  $\angle C$ , side  $c$  opposite it, and side  $b$  adjoining  $\angle C$ .

**Construction:** As above.

**Discussion:** *Case I.*  $c > b$ .

The  $\Delta$  is always possible.

*Case II.*  $c = b$ .

The  $\Delta$  is never possible (106).

*Case III.*  $c < b$ .

The  $\Delta$  is never possible (116).

If the known angle is acute.

*Case I.*  $c > b$ .

The  $\Delta$  is always possible.

*Case II.*  $c = b$ .

The  $\Delta$  is always possible and isosceles.

*Case III.*  $c < b$ .

*First,*  $c < \text{the } \perp \text{ from } A \text{ to } CX$ .

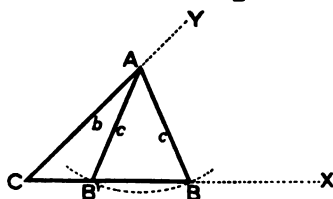
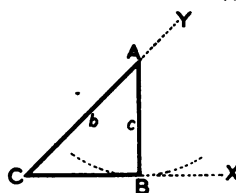
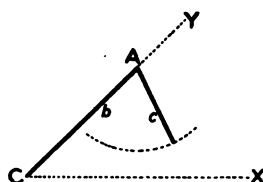
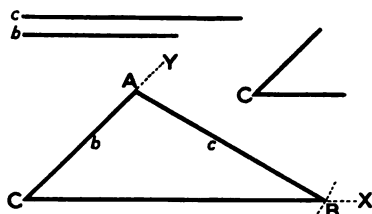
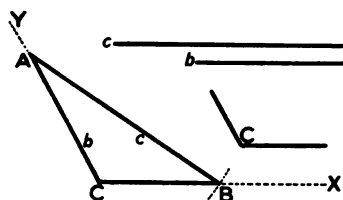
The  $\Delta$  is never possible.

*Second,*  $c = \text{the } \perp \text{ from } A \text{ to } CX$ .

The  $\Delta$  is possible and a right  $\Delta$ .

*Third,*  $c > \text{the } \perp \text{ from } A \text{ to } CX$ .

There are *two*  $\Delta$ ,  $\Delta ACB$  and  $\Delta ACB'$ ; both contain the three given parts.



## ANALYSIS

Many constructions are so simple that their correct solution will readily occur to the pupil.

Sometimes, in the case of complicated constructions, the pupil must have the ability to put the given parts together, one by one. The following outline may be found helpful if employed intelligently. It is called the method of **analysis**.

I. Suppose the construction made, that is, suppose the figure drawn.

II. Study this figure in search of truths by which the order of the lines that have been drawn can be determined.

III. One or more auxiliary lines may be necessary.

IV. Finally, construct the figure and prove it correct.

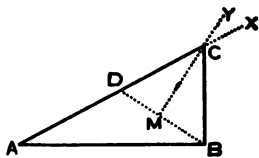
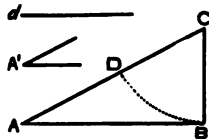
**EXERCISE.** Given the base of a triangle, an adjacent acute angle, and the difference of the other sides, to construct the triangle.

**Given:** Base  $AB$ ;  $\angle A'$ ; difference  $d$ .

**Required:** To construct the  $\Delta$ .

[**Analysis:** Suppose  $\Delta ABC$  is the required  $\Delta$ . It is evident if  $CD = CB$ , they may be sides of an isos.  $\Delta$  and  $AD = d$ .]

**Construction:** At  $A$  on  $AB$  construct  $\angle BAX = \text{to } \angle A'$  and on  $AX$ , take  $AD = \text{to } d$ . Join  $DB$ . At  $M$ , midpoint of  $DB$ , draw  $MY \perp$  to  $DB$  meeting  $AX$  at  $C$ . Draw  $CB$ .



**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?). **Discussion:** (?).

**Historical Note.** The philosopher Plato and his school flourished at Athens in the fourth century B.C. Plato brought to geometry exact definitions and axioms as well as the method of *analysis*, which is helpful in discovering difficult proofs and constructions.

## ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTIONS

I. Construct an **isosceles triangle**, having given:

1. The base and one of the equal sides.
2. The base and one of the equal angles.
3. One of the equal sides and the vertex angle.
4. One of the equal sides and one of the equal angles.
5. The base and the altitude upon it.
6. The base and the radius of the inscribed circle.

[Bisect the base; erect a  $\perp$  = to the radius; describe  $\odot$ , etc.]

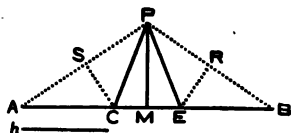
7. The base and the radius of the circumscribed circle.
8. The altitude and the vertex angle.
9. The base and the vertex angle.

[Find the supplement of the given  $\angle$ ; bisect this; at each end of base construct an  $\angle$  = to this half; etc.]

10. The perimeter and the altitude.

**Given:** Perimeter =  $AB$ ; alt. =  $h$ . **Required:** (?)

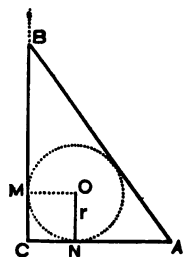
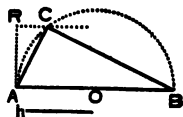
**Construction:** Bisect  $AB$ ; erect at  $M \perp$  = to  $h$ ; draw  $AP$  and  $BP$ . Bisect these; erect  $\perp$   $SC$  and  $RE$ ; etc.

II. Construct a **right triangle**, having given:

11. The two legs.
12. One leg and the adjoining acute angle.
13. One leg and the opposite acute angle.
14. The hypotenuse and an acute angle.
15. The hypotenuse and the altitude upon it.
16. The median and the altitude upon the hypotenuse.
17. The radius of the circumscribed circle and a leg.
18. The radius of the inscribed circle and a leg.

**Given:** Radius =  $r$ ; leg =  $CA$ . **Required:** (?)

**Analysis:** Consider that  $ABC$  is the completed figure;  $CNOM$  is a square, whose vertex  $O$  is the center of the circle, and side  $ON$  is the given radius.  $AB$  is tangent from  $A$ . **Construction:** On  $CA$  take  $CN =$  to  $r$  and construct square,  $CNOM$ . Prolong  $CM$  indefinitely. Describe  $\odot$ , etc.

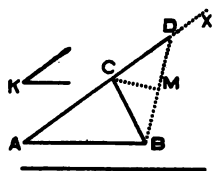






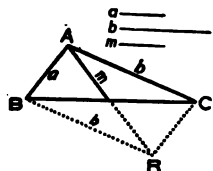
**35.** One side, an angle adjoining it, and the sum of the other two sides.

**Construction:** At  $A$  construct  $\angle BAX =$  to given  $\angle K$ . On  $AX$  take  $AD =$  to  $s$ ; draw  $DB$ ; bisect  $DB$  at  $M$ , etc.



**36.** Two sides and the median to the third side.

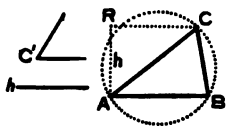
**Given:**  $a, b, m$ . **Construction:** Construct  $\triangle ABR$  with three sides,  $AB =$  to  $a$ ,  $BR =$  to  $b$ ,  $AR =$  to  $2m$ . Draw  $AC \parallel$  to  $BR$  and  $RC \parallel$  to  $AB$  meeting at  $C$ . Draw  $BC$ . **Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?).



**37.** A side, the altitude upon it, and the angle opposite it.

**Given:** Side = to  $AB$ , alt. = to  $h$ ; opposite  $\angle C =$  to  $\angle C'$ .

**Construction:** Upon  $AB$  construct segment  $ACB$  which contains  $\angle C =$  to  $\angle C'$  (by 267). At  $A$  erect  $AR \perp$  to  $AB$  and  $=$  to  $h$ ; etc.



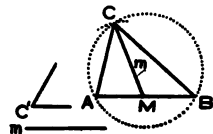
**38.** A side, the median to it, the angle opposite it.

[**Statement:**  $\triangle ABC$  is the required  $\triangle$ .]

**39.** One side and the altitude from its extremities to the other sides.

**Given:** Side =  $AB$ , altitudes  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Construction:** Bisect  $AB$ ; describe a semicircle. Using  $A$  as center and  $x$  as radius, describe arc cutting the semicircle at  $R$ ; etc.



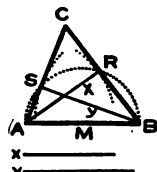
**40.** Two sides and the altitude upon one of them.

[**Given:** Sides = to  $AB$  and  $BC$ ; alt. on  $BC =$  to  $x$ .]

**41.** One side, an angle adjoining it, and the radius of the inscribed circle.

**Construction:** Describe  $\odot$  with given radius, any center.

Construct central  $\angle =$  to given  $\angle$ . Draw two tangents  $\parallel$  to these radii; etc.



**V. Construct a square, having given:**

**42.** One side.

**43.** The diagonal.

**44.** The perimeter.

**45.** The sum of a diagonal and a side.

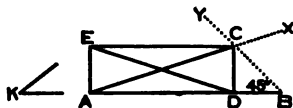
### VI. Construct a **rhombus**, having given :

46. One side and an angle adjoining it.
47. One side and the altitude.
48. The diagonals.
49. One side and one diagonal. [Use 269.]
50. An angle and the diagonal to the same vertex.
51. An angle and the diagonal between two other vertices
52. One side and the radius of the inscribed circle.

### VII. Construct a **rectangle**, having given :

53. Two adjoining sides.
54. A diagonal and a side.
55. One side and the angle formed by the diagonals.
56. A diagonal and the sum of two adjoining sides. [See Ex. 21.]
57. A diagonal and the perimeter.
58. The perimeter and the angle formed by the diagonals.

**Construction :** Bisect the perimeter and take  $AB$  = to half of it. Bisect  $\angle K$ . At  $A$  construct  $\angle BAX$  = to half  $\angle K$ . Etc.



### VIII. Construct a **parallelogram**, having given :

59. One side and the diagonals.
60. The diagonals and the angle between them.
61. One side, an angle, and the diagonal not to the same vertex.
62. One side, an angle, and the diagonal to the same vertex.
63. One side, an angle, and the altitude upon that side.
64. Two adjoining sides and the altitude.

### IX. Construct an **isosceles trapezoid**, having given :

65. The bases and an angle adjoining the larger base.
66. The bases and an angle adjoining the less base.
67. The bases and the diagonal.
68. The bases and the altitude.

69. The bases and one of the equal sides.  
 70. One base, an angle adjoining it, and one of the equal sides.  
 71. One base, the altitude, and one of the equal sides.  
 72. One base, the radius of the circumscribed circle, and one of the equal sides. [First, describe a  $\odot$ .]  
 73. One base, an angle adjoining it, and the radius of the circumscribed circle.  
 74. The bases and the radius of the circumscribed circle.  
 75. One base and the radius of the inscribed circle.  
**Construction:** Bisect the base and erect a  $\perp$  = to radius; etc.

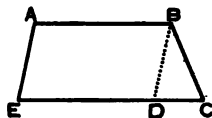
### X. Construct a trapezoid,\* having given :

76. The bases and the angles adjoining one of them.  
**Construction:** Take  $EC$  = to longer base, and on it take  $ED$  = to less base. Construct  $\triangle DBC$  (by 271).  
 77. The four sides.  
 78. A base, the altitude, and the non-parallel sides.  
**Construction:** Construct a  $\triangle$  two sides of which equal the given non- $\parallel$  sides of the trapezoid, and the altitude from same vertex of which equals the given altitude. (See Ex. 34.)  
 79. The bases, an angle, and the altitude.  
**Construction:** Construct  $\square$  on  $ED$ , having given altitude and  $\angle$ .  
 80. A base, the angles adjoining it, and the altitude.  
 81. The longer base, an angle adjoining it, and the non-parallel sides.  
 82. The shorter base, an angle not adjoining it, and the non-parallel sides.

### XI. Construct the locus of a point which shall be :

83. At a given distance from a given point.  
 84. At a given distance from a given line.

\* **NOTE.** It is evident that every trapezoid may be divided into a parallelogram and a triangle by drawing one line (as  $BD$ )  $\parallel$  to one of the non- $\parallel$  sides. Hence the construction of a trapezoid is often merely constructing a triangle and a parallelogram.



85. At a given distance from a given circle:
- (i) If the given radius is  $<$  the given distance;
  - (ii) If the given radius is  $>$  the given distance.
86. Equally distant from two given points.
87. Equally distant from two intersecting lines.

**XII.** Find (by intersecting loci) \* the point  $P$ , which shall be:

88. At two given distances from two given points.†
89. Equally distant from three given points.
90. In a given line and equally distant from two given points.
91. In a given line and equally distant from two given intersecting lines.
92. In a given circle and equally distant from two given points.†
93. In a given circle and equally distant from two intersecting lines.†
94. Equally distant from two given intersecting lines and equally distant from two given points.†
95. At a given distance from a given line and equally distant from two given points.†
96. At a given distance from a given line and equally distant from two other intersecting lines.†
97. Equally distant from two given points and at a given distance from one of them.†
98. Equally distant from two given intersecting lines and at a given distance from one of them.†
99. At a given distance from a point and equally distant from two other points.†
100. At given distances from two given intersecting lines.†
101. At given distances from a given line and from a given circle.†

\* It is well to draw the loci concerned as dotted lines. (See Ex. 105.)

† In the Discussion, include the answers to questions like these:

- (1) Is this ever impossible? (*i.e.* must there always be such a point?)
- (2) Are there ever two such points? when?
- (3) Are there ever more than two? when?
- (4) Is there ever only one? when?

**102.** At given distances from a given line and from a given point.\*

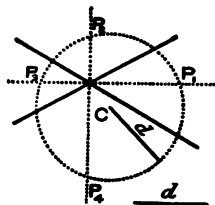
**103.** Equally distant from two parallels and equally distant from two intersecting lines.\*

**104.** At a given distance from a given point and equally distant from two given parallels.\*

**105.** At a given distance from a given point and equally distant from two given intersecting lines.

Can  $C$  be so taken that there will be no point?

Can  $C$  be so taken that there will be only one point? only two? only three? more than four?



**XIII.** Find (by intersecting loci) the **center** of a circle which shall :

**106.** Pass through three given points.†

**107.** Pass through a given point and touch a given line at a given point.†

**108.** Have a given radius and be tangent to a given line at a given point.†

**109.** Have a given radius, touch a given line, and pass through a given point.†

**110.** Pass through a given point and touch two given parallel lines.†

**111.** Touch two given parallels, one of them at a given point.†

**112.** Have a given radius and touch two given intersecting lines.†

**113.** Have a given radius and pass through two given points.†

**114.** Touch three given indefinite lines, no two of them being parallel.†

**115.** Touch three given lines, only two of them being parallel.

**XIV.** Construct a **circle** which shall :

**116.** Pass through a given point and touch a given line at a given point.

**117.** Touch two given parallel lines, one of them at a given point.

**118.** Pass through a given point and touch two given parallels.

\* See note (†) on preceding page.

† **Discussion :** Is this ever impossible? Are there ever two circles and hence two centers? Are there ever more than two? Etc.

‡ Four solutions. One is in 265.

**119.** Have a given radius, touch a given line, and pass through a given point.

**120.** Have its center in one line, touch another line, and have a given radius.

**121.** Have a given radius and touch two given intersecting lines.

**122.** Have a given radius and pass through two given points.

**123.** Have a given radius and touch a given circle at a given point. [Draw tangent to the given  $\odot$  at the given point.]

**124.** Have a given radius and touch two given circles.

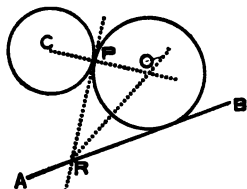
**125.** Touch three indefinite intersecting lines.\*

**126.** Touch two given intersecting lines, one of them at a given point.

**127.** Touch a given line and a given circle at a given point.

**Given:** Line  $AB$ ;  $\odot C$ ; point  $P$ .

**Construction:** Draw radius  $CP$ . Draw tangent at  $P$  meeting  $AB$  at  $R$ . Bisect  $\angle PRB$ , meeting  $CP$  produced at  $O$ ; etc.



**128.** Be inscribed in a given sector.

**Construction:** Produce the radii to meet the tangent at the midpoint of the arc. In this  $\Delta$  inscribe a  $\odot$ .

**129.** Have a given radius and touch two given circles.

**130.** Have a given radius, touch a given line, and a given circle.

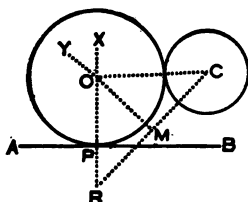
**131.** Touch a given line at a given point and touch a given circle.

**Given:** Line  $AB$ ; point  $P$ ;  $\odot C$ .

**Construction:** At  $P$  erect  $PX \perp$  to  $AB$ , and extend it below  $AB$ , so  $PR =$  radius  $\odot C$ .

Draw  $CR$  and bisect it at  $M$ .

Erect  $MY \perp$  to  $CR$  at  $M$ , meeting  $PX$  at  $O$ ; etc.



**132.** What is the locus of the vertices of all right triangles having the same hypotenuse?

**133.** Through a given point on a given circumference draw two equal chords perpendicular to each other.

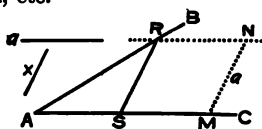
\* Four solutions. One is in 265.

**134.** Draw a line of given length through a given point and terminating in two given parallels.

**Construction:** Use any point of one of the  $\parallel$ s as center and the given length as radius to describe an arc meeting the other  $\parallel$ . Join these two points. Through the given point draw a line  $\parallel$ , etc.

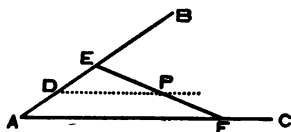
**135.** Draw a line, terminating in the sides of an angle, which shall be equal to one line and parallel to another.

**Statement:**  $RS = a$ , and is  $\parallel$  to  $x$ .



**136.** Draw a line through a given point within an angle, which is terminated by the sides of the angle and bisected by the point.

**Construction:** Through  $P$  draw  $PD \parallel$  to  $AC$ . Take on  $AB$ ,  $DE = AD$ . Draw  $EPF$ ; etc.

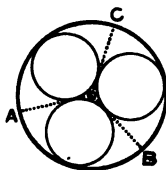


**137.** Circumscribe a circle about a rectangle.

**138.** Construct three circles having the vertices of a given triangle as centers so that each touches the other two.

**Construction:** Inscribe a  $\odot$  in the  $\triangle$ ; etc.

**139.** Construct within a circle three equal circles each of which touches the given circle and the other two.

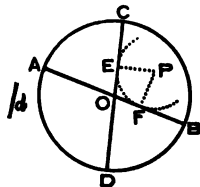


**Construction:** Draw a radius,  $OA$ , and construct  $\angle AOB =$  to  $120^\circ$  and  $\angle AOC =$  to  $120^\circ$ . In these sectors inscribe, etc.

**140.** Through a point without a circle draw a secant having a given distance from the center.

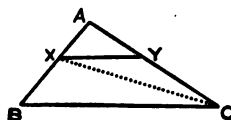
**141.** Draw a diameter to a circle at a given distance from a given point.

**142.** Through two given points within a circle draw two equal and parallel chords.



**Construction:** Bisect the line joining the given points and draw a diameter, etc.

**143.** Draw a parallel to side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$ , meeting  $AB$  in  $X$  and  $AC$  in  $Y$ , such that  $XY = YC$ .

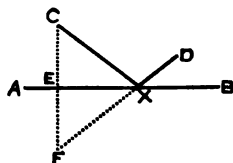




**144.** Find the locus of the points of contact of the tangents drawn to a series of concentric circles from an external point.

**145. Given:** Line  $AB$  and points  $C$  and  $D$  on the same side of it; find point  $X$  in  $AB$  such that  $\angle AXC = \angle BXD$ .

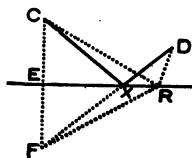
**Construction:** Draw  $CE \perp$  to  $AB$  and produce to  $F$  so that  $EF = CE$ . Draw  $FD$  meeting  $AB$  in  $X$ . Draw  $CX$ .



**146.** Draw from one given point to another the shortest path which has one point in common with a given line.

**Statement:**  $CX + XD$  is  $< CR + RD$ .

Another statement of this exercise: If  $C$  is an object before a mirror  $ER$ , and  $D$  is an eye, draw a diagram showing the path of a ray of light, from  $C$ , reflected to  $D$ .

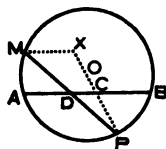


**147.** Draw a line parallel to side  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$  meeting  $AB$  at  $X$  and  $AC$  at  $Y$ , so that  $XY = BX + YC$ .

**Construction:** Draw bisectors of  $\angle B$  and  $\angle C$ , meeting at  $O$ , etc.

**148.** Draw in a circle, through a given point of an arc, a chord that is bisected by the chord of the arc.

**Construction:** Draw radius  $OP$  meeting chord at  $C$ . Prolong  $PO$  to  $X$  so that  $CX = CP$ . Draw  $XM \parallel$  to  $AB$  meeting  $\odot$  at  $M$ . Draw  $PM$  cutting  $AB$  at  $D$ ; etc. Is there any other chord from  $P$  bisected by  $AB$ ?



**149.** Inscribe in a given circle a triangle whose angles are given.

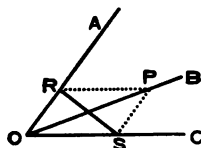
**Construction:** Construct 3 central  $\angle$ s, doubles of the given  $\angle$ s. Etc.

**150.** Circumscribe about a given circle a triangle whose angles are given.

**Construction:** Inscribe  $\Delta$  (like Ex. 149) first, and draw tangents  $\parallel$  to the sides.

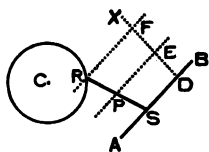
**151.** Three lines meet in a point. Draw a line terminating in the outer two and bisected by the inner one.

**Construction:** Through any point  $P$ , of  $OB$ , draw  $\parallel$ s to the outer lines. Draw diagonal  $RS$ ; etc.



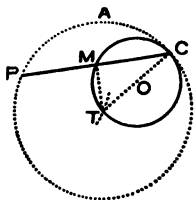
**152.** Draw through a given point  $P$ , a line that is terminated by a given circle and a given line and is bisected by  $P$ .

**Construction:** Draw any line  $DX$  meeting  $AB$  at  $D$ . Draw  $PE \parallel$  to  $AB$  meeting  $DX$  at  $E$ . Take  $EF = ED$ ; etc.



**153.** Through a given point without a circle draw a secant to the circle which is bisected by the circle.

**Construction:** Draw arc at  $T$ , using  $P$  as center and diam. of  $\odot O$  as radius. Using  $T$  as center and same radius as before, describe circle touching  $\odot O$  at  $C$  and passing through  $P$ . Draw  $PC$  meeting  $\odot O$  at  $M$ .

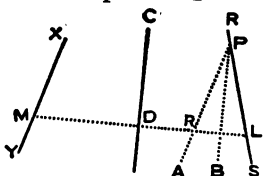


**154.** Inscribe a square in a given rhombus.

[Bisect the four  $\angle$  formed by the diagonals.]

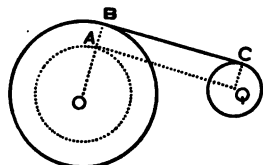
**155.** Bisect the angle formed by two lines without producing them to their point of intersection.

**Construction:** At  $P$ , any point in  $RS$ , draw  $PA \parallel$  to  $XY$ ; bisect  $\angle APS$  by  $PB$ . At any point in  $PB$  erect  $ML \perp$  to  $PB$ , meeting the given lines in  $M$  and  $L$ . Bisect  $ML$  at  $D$  and erect  $DC \perp ML$ , etc.



**156.** Construct a common external tangent to two circles.

**Construction:** Using  $O$  as a center and a radius equal to the difference of the given radii, construct (dotted) circle. Draw  $QA$  tangent to this  $\odot$  from  $Q$ ; draw radius  $OA$  and produce it to meet given  $\odot$  at  $B$ . Draw radius  $QC \parallel$  to  $OB$ . Join  $BC$ .



**Statement:**  $BC$  is tangent to both  $\odot$ .

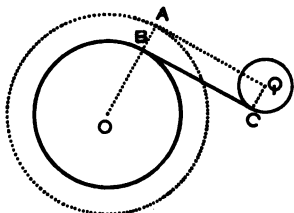
**Proof:**  $AB = CQ$  (Const.).  $AB$  is  $\parallel$  to  $CQ$  (?).

$\therefore ABCQ$  is a  $\square$  (?). But  $\angle OAQ$  is a

rt.  $\angle$ ; etc.

**157.** Construct a common internal tangent to two circles.

**Construction:** Using  $O$  as a center and a radius equal to the sum of the given radii, construct (dotted) circle. Draw  $QA$  tangent to this  $\odot$  from  $Q$ . Draw radius  $OA$  meeting given  $\odot$  at  $B$ , etc., as above.



## BOOK III

### PROPORTION. SIMILAR FIGURES

**274.** A **ratio** is the quotient of one quantity divided by another, both being of the same kind.

**275.** A **proportion** is an equation whose members are ratios.

**276.** The **extremes** of a proportion are the first and the last terms. The **means** of a proportion are the second and the third terms.

**277.** The **antecedents** are the first and the third terms. The **consequents** are the second and the fourth terms.

**278.** A **mean proportional** is the second or the third term of a proportion in which the means are identical.

A **third proportional** is the last term of a proportion in which the means are identical.

A **fourth proportional** is the last term of a proportion in which the means are not identical.

**279.** A **series of equal ratios** is the equality of more than two ratios.

A **continued proportion** is a series of equal ratios in which the consequent of any ratio is the antecedent of the next following ratio.

**EXPLANATORY.** A ratio is written as a fraction or as an indicated division;  $\frac{a}{b}$ , or  $a \div b$ , or  $a : b$ . A proportion is usually written  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{x}{y}$ , or  $a : b = x : y$ , and is read: " $a$  is to  $b$  as  $x$  is to  $y$ ." In this proportion the extremes are  $a$  and  $y$ ; the means are  $b$  and  $x$ ; the antecedents are  $a$  and  $x$ ; the consequents are  $b$  and  $y$ ; and  $y$  is a fourth proportional to  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $x$ . In the proportion  $a : m = m : z$ , the mean proportional is  $m$ , and  $z$  is the third proportional.

## THEOREMS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

## PROPOSITION I. THEOREM

280. In a proportion the product of the extremes is equal to the product of the means.

Given:  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{x}{y}$  or  $a : b = x : y$ . To Prove:  $ay = bx$ .

Proof:  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{x}{y}$  (Hyp.). Multiply by the common denominator  $by$  and obtain,  $ay = bx$  (Ax. 3).  
Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION II. THEOREM

281. If the product of two quantities is equal to the product of two others, one pair may be made the extremes of a proportion and the other pair the means.

Given:  $ay = bx$ .

To Prove: These eight proportions:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. $a : b = x : y$ , | 5. $x : y = a : b$ , |
| 2. $a : x = b : y$ , | 6. $x : a = y : b$ , |
| 3. $b : a = y : x$ , | 7. $y : x = b : a$ , |
| 4. $b : y = a : x$ , | 8. $y : b = x : a$ . |

Proof. 1.  $ay = bx$  (Hyp.).

Divide each member by  $by$ ,  $\frac{ay}{by} = \frac{bx}{by}$  (Ax. 3).

$\therefore \frac{a}{b} = \frac{x}{y}$  or  $a : b = x : y$  Q.E.D.

2.  $ay = bx$  (Hyp.).

Divide by  $xy$ , etc.

3.  $ay = bx$  (?).

Divide by  $ax$ , etc. Etc., etc.

NUMERICAL ILLUSTRATION. Suppose in this paragraph  $a = 4$ ,  $b = 14$ ,  $x = 6$ ,  $y = 21$ ; the truth of the above proportions can be clearly seen by writing these equivalents.  $4 \times 21 = 14 \times 6$  (True).

1.  $4 : 14 = 6 : 21$  (True); 2.  $4 : 6 = 14 : 21$  (True); etc.

They will all be recognized as true proportions.

## PROPOSITION III. THEOREM

**282.** In any proportion the terms are also in proportion by alternation (that is, the first term is to the third as the second is to the fourth).

**Given:**  $a : b = x : y$ . **To Prove:**  $a : x = b : y$ .

**Proof:**  $a : b = x : y$  (Hyp.).  
 $\therefore ay = bx$  (280).  
 $\therefore a : x = b : y$  (281).  
 Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM

**283.** In any proportion the terms are also in proportion by inversion (that is, the second term is to the first as the fourth term is to the third).

[The proof is similar to the proof of 282.]

## PROPOSITION V. THEOREM

**284.** In any proportion the terms are also in proportion by composition (that is, the sum of the first two terms is to the first, or the second, as the sum of the last two terms is to the third, or the fourth).

**Given:**  $a : b = x : y$ . **To Prove:**  $\begin{cases} a + b : a = x + y : x, \text{ or} \\ a + b : b = x + y : y. \end{cases}$

**Proof:**  $a : b = x : y$  (Hyp.).  $\therefore ay = bx$  (280).

Add  $ax$  to each, and obtain,  $ax + ay = ax + bx$  (Ax. 2).

That is,  $a(x + y) = x(a + b)$ .

Hence  $a + b : a = x + y : x$  (281).

Similarly, by adding  $by$ ,  $a + b : b = x + y : y$ . Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** Is the equation  $12 : 9 = 28 : 21$  a true proportion?

**Ex. 2.** Apply Proposition I to the above proportion.

**Ex. 3.** Apply Proposition III to the above proportion.

**Ex. 4.** Apply Proposition IV to the above proportion.

**Ex. 5.** Apply Proposition V to the above proportion.

## PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM

**285.** In any proportion the terms are also in proportion by division (that is, the difference between the first two terms is to the first, or the second, as the difference between the last two terms is to the third, or the fourth).

**Given:**  $a : b = x : y$ . **To Prove:**  $\begin{cases} a - b : a = x - y : x, \text{ or} \\ a - b : b = x - y : y. \end{cases}$

**Proof:**  $a : b = x : y$  (Hyp.).  $\therefore ay = bx$  (280).

Subtracting each side from  $ax$ ,  $ax - ay = ax - bx$  (Ax. 2).

That is,  $a(x - y) = x(a - b)$ .

Hence  $a - b : a = x - y : x$  (281).

Similarly,  $a - b : b = x - y : y$ . Q.E.D.

**NOTE 1.** The proportions of 284 and 285 may be written in many different forms (282, 283). Thus, (1)  $a \pm b : a = x \pm y : x$ ;

(2)  $a \pm b : b = x \pm y : y$ ; (3)  $a \pm b : x \pm y = a : x$ , etc.

**NOTE 2.** In any proportion the sum of the antecedents is to the sum of the consequents as either antecedent is to its consequent. Also, in any proportion the difference of the antecedents is to the difference of the consequents as either antecedent is to its consequent. (Explain.)

Thus:  $a + x : b + y = a : b = x : y$ . Also,  $a - x : b - y = a : b = x : y$ .

## PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM

**286.** In any proportion the terms are also in proportion by composition and division (that is, the sum of the first two terms is to their difference as the sum of the last two terms is to their difference).

**Given:**  $a : b = x : y$ . **To Prove:**  $\frac{a + b}{a - b} = \frac{x + y}{x - y}$ .

**Proof:**  $\frac{a + b}{a} = \frac{x + y}{x}$  (284).

$\frac{a - b}{a} = \frac{x - y}{x}$  (285).

Divide the first by the second,  $\frac{a + b}{a - b} = \frac{x + y}{x - y}$  (Ax. 3).  
Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM

287. In any proportion, like powers of the terms are also in proportion, and like roots of the terms are in proportion.

Given:  $a : b = x : y$ .

To Prove:  $a^n : b^n = x^n : y^n$ ; and  $\sqrt[n]{a} : \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{x} : \sqrt[n]{y}$ .

Proof: [Write the hypothesis in fractional form, etc.]

## PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM

288. In two or more proportions the products of the corresponding terms are also in proportion.

Given:  $a : b = x : y$ , and  $c : d = l : m$ , and  $e : f = r : s$ .

To Prove:  $ace : bdf = xlr : yms$ .

Proof: [Write in fractional form and multiply.]

## PROPOSITION X. THEOREM

289. A mean proportional is equal to the square root of the product of the extremes.

Given:  $a : x = x : b$ . To Prove:  $x = \sqrt{ab}$ .

Proof: [Use 280.]

## PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM

290. If three terms of one proportion are equal to the corresponding three terms of another proportion, each to each, the remaining terms are also equal.

Given:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a : b = c : m, \text{ and} \\ a : b = c : r. \end{array} \right\}$ . To Prove:  $m = r$ .

Proof:  $am = bc$  and  $ar = bc$  (280).  
 $\therefore am = ar$  (Ax. 1).  
 $\therefore m = r$  (Ax. 3).  
 Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XII. THEOREM

291. In a series of equal ratios the sum of all the antecedents is to the sum of all the consequents as any antecedent is to its consequent.

Given:  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} = \frac{g}{h}$ .

To Prove:  $\frac{a+c+e+g}{b+d+f+h} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \text{etc.}$

Proof: Set each given ratio = to  $m$ ; thus,

$$\frac{a}{b} = m; \quad \frac{c}{d} = m; \quad \frac{e}{f} = m; \quad \frac{g}{h} = m.$$

$$\therefore a = bm, c = dm, e = fm, g = hm \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{a+c+e+g}{b+d+f+h} = \frac{bm+dm+fm+hm}{b+d+f+h} \quad (\text{Substitution}).$$

$$= \frac{m(b+d+f+h)}{b+d+f+h} \quad (\text{Factoring}).$$

$$= m \quad (\text{Canceling}).$$

$$\therefore \frac{a+c+e+g}{b+d+f+h} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} = \frac{g}{h} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

Ex. 1. If  $3:4 = 6:x$ , find  $x$ .

Ex. 2. If  $8:12 = 12:x$ , find  $x$ .

Ex. 3. Find a fourth proportional to 6, 7, and 15.

Ex. 4. Find a third proportional to 4 and 10.

Ex. 5. If  $11:15 = x:25$ , find  $x$ .      Ex. 6. If  $4:x = x:25$ , find  $x$ .

Ex. 7. Find a mean proportional between 8 and 18.

Ex. 8. If  $7:x = 35:48$ , find  $x$ .

Ex. 9. Given,  $5:8 = 15:24$ . Write seven other true proportions containing these four numbers.

Ex. 10. If  $5 \times 6 = 2 \times 15$ , write eight proportions with these numbers.

Ex. 11. If  $7:12=21:36$ , write the proportion resulting by alternation; inversion; composition; division; composition and division.

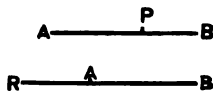
Ex. 12. If  $x+y:x-y = 17:7$ , write the proportions that result by virtue of composition; division; composition and division.

Ex. 13. Apply 291 to the ratios,  $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{9}{12} = \frac{15}{20}$ .



**292.** A **segment** of a line is any part of the line. If a line is divided by a point into two segments, they are the distances from this point of division to the extremities of the line.

The upper line  $AB$  is divided **internally** by  $P$  (a point between the extremities  $A$  and  $B$ ) into segments  $AP$  and  $PB$ . The lower line  $AB$  is divided **externally** by  $R$  (a point in the prolongation of  $AB$ ) into segments,  $RA$  and  $RB$ .



When a line is divided *internally*, it equals the *sum* of the segments; when it is divided *externally*, it equals the *difference* of the segments.

Two lines are **divided proportionally** if the ratio of the lines is equal to the ratio of the corresponding segments. Thus,  $AC$  and  $AE$  are said to be "divided proportionally" if

$$\frac{AC}{AE} = \frac{AB}{AD} \text{ or } \frac{AC}{AE} = \frac{BC}{DE} \text{ or } \frac{AC}{AE} = \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{BC}{DE}.$$



**NOTE.** We have seen that it is possible to add two lines and subtract one line from another. Now it is essential that we clearly understand the significance implied by indicating the multiplication or the division of one line by another.

What is actually done is to multiply or divide the numerical measure of one line by the numerical measure of another. Thus, if one line is 8 inches long and another is 18 inches long, we say that the ratio of the first line to the second is  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{4}{9}$ , meaning that the smaller line is four ninths of the larger.

Also, in referring to the product of two lines, we merely understand that the product of their numerical measures is intended.

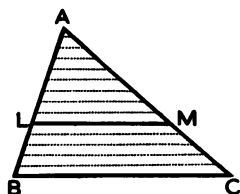
If a line is multiplied by itself, we obtain the square of the numerical measure of the line. The square of the line  $AB$  is written  $\overline{AB}^2$  or  $(AB)^2$ , and the quantity that is squared is the numerical value of the length of  $AB$ .

In the preceding paragraphs of Book III, we have been considering numerical magnitudes. It should be distinctly understood that in the following geometrical propositions and demonstrations, the foregoing interpretation is implied in multiplication and division involving lines.

**Historical Note.** Eudoxus, one of the most prominent of the Greek mathematicians, was famous also as a physician in the fourth century B.C. One of his principal contributions to geometry was the perfection of a rigorous theory of ratio and proportion.

## PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM

293. A line parallel to one side of a triangle divides the other sides into proportional segments.



**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$  and line  $LM \parallel$  to  $BC$ .

**To Prove:**  $AL : LB = AM : MC$ .

**Proof:** I. If the parts  $AL$  and  $LB$  are **commensurable**.

There exists a common unit of measure of  $AL$  and  $LB$  (225).

Suppose this is contained 9 times in  $AL$  and 5 times in  $LB$ .

$$\text{Then} \quad \frac{AL}{LB} = \frac{9}{5} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

Draw lines through the several points of division  $\parallel$  to  $BC$ .

These divide  $AM$  into 9 parts and  $MC$  into 5 parts.

All these 14 parts are equal (140).

$$\therefore \frac{AM}{MC} = \frac{9}{5} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

$$\therefore \frac{AL}{LB} = \frac{AM}{MC} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

II. If the parts  $AL$  and  $LB$  are **incommensurable**.

There does not exist a common unit (225).

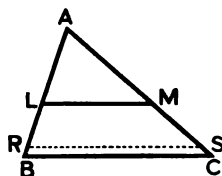
Divide  $AL$  into several equal parts (by 261).

Apply one of these as a unit of measure to  $LB$ . There is remainder,  $RB$  (225).

Draw  $RS \parallel$  to  $BC$ .

$$\text{Now} \quad \frac{AL}{LR} = \frac{AM}{MS} \quad (\text{Case I}).$$

**Indefinitely** increase the *number* of equal parts of  $AL$ . That is, indefinitely decrease each part, the unit or divisor. Hence, the remainder,  $RB$ , is indefinitely decreased. (Because the remainder is  $<$  the divisor.)



That is,  $RB$  approaches zero as a limit.

Also  $SC$  approaches zero as a limit.

$\therefore LB$  approaches  $LB$  as a limit (227).

Also  $MS$  approaches  $MC$  as a limit (227).

$\therefore \frac{AL}{LB}$  approaches  $\frac{AL}{LB}$  as a limit.

Also  $\frac{AM}{MS}$  approaches  $\frac{AM}{MC}$  as a limit.

Consequently,  $\frac{AL}{LB} = \frac{AM}{MC}$  (229). Q.E.D.

#### PROPOSITION XIV. THEOREM

294. If a line parallel to one side of a triangle intersects the other sides, it divides these sides proportionally.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $LM \parallel$  to  $BC$ .

To Prove:

I.  $AB : AC = AL : AM$ .

II.  $AB : AC = LB : MC$ .

Proof:  $AL : LB = AM : MC$  (293).

$\therefore AL + LB : AL = AM + MC : AM$  (284).

Also  $AL + LB : LB = AM + MC : MC$  (284).

But  $AL + LB = AB$ , and  $AM + MC = AC$  (Ax. 4).

Substituting, in last two proportions:

$AB : AL = AC : AM$  (Ax. 6).

Also  $AB : LB = AC : MC$  (Ax. 6).

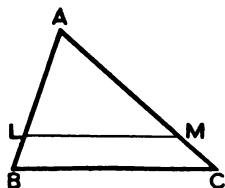
$\therefore$  I.  $AB : AC = AL : AM$  (282).

Also II.  $AB : AC = LB : MC$  (282). Q.E.D.

These proportions may be combined thus:  $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{AL}{AM} = \frac{LB}{MC}$ .

Each of the above proportions may be written in eight different ways.

**Ex.** If, in figure of 294,  $AB$  is 9 units,  $AC$  12 units, and  $AL$  6 units, find  $AM$ ,  $LB$ , and  $MC$ .



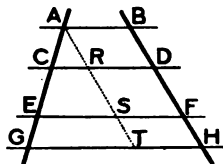
## PROPOSITION XV. THEOREM

295. Three or more parallels intercept proportional segments on two transversals.

Given: (?).

To Prove:

$$AC : BD = CE : DF = EG : FH.$$



Proof: Draw from A,  $AT \parallel$  to  $BH$  intersecting the  $\parallel$ s, etc.

$$\text{In } \triangle AES, \quad \frac{AE}{AS} = \frac{AC}{AR} = \frac{CE}{RS} \quad (294).$$

$$\text{In } \triangle AGT, \quad \frac{AE}{AS} = \frac{EG}{ST} \quad (294).$$

$$\therefore \frac{AC}{AR} = \frac{CE}{RS} = \frac{EG}{ST} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

$$\text{But } AR = BD, RS = DF, ST = FH \quad (124).$$

$$\text{Hence } AC : BD = CE : DF = EG : FH \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XVI. THEOREM

296. If a line divides two sides of a triangle proportionally, it is parallel to the third side.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ; line  $DE$ ; the proportion  $AB : AC = AD : AE$ .

To Prove:  $DE$  is  $\parallel$  to  $BC$ .

Proof: Through  $D$  draw  $DX \parallel$  to  $BC$  meeting  $AC$  at  $X$ .

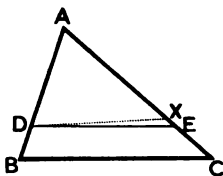
$$\therefore AB : AC = AD : AX \quad (294).$$

$$\text{But } AB : AC = AD : AE \quad (\text{Hyp.}).$$

$$\therefore AX = AE \quad (290).$$

$$\therefore DX \text{ and } DE \text{ coincide} \quad (39).$$

$$\text{That is, } DE \text{ is } \parallel \text{ to } BC \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$



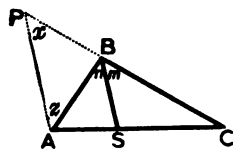
Ex. 1. Prove, as 296 is proved, that the line bisecting two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side.

Ex. 2. In fig. of Proposition XIV, if  $AL$  is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of  $AB$ , what is true of  $AM$ ? of  $MC$ ?

## PROPOSITION XVII. THEOREM

297. The bisector of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side into segments that are proportional to the other two sides.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $BS$  the bisector of  $\angle ABC$ .



To Prove:  $AS : SC = AB : BC$ .

Proof: Through  $A$  draw  $AP \parallel$  to  $BS$ , meeting  $CB$ , produced, at  $P$ .

Then, in  $\triangle PAC$ ,  $AS : SC = PB : BC$  (294).

Now  $\angle m = \angle x$  (67).

And  $\angle n = \angle z$  (66).

But  $\angle m = \angle n$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \angle x = \angle z$  (Ax. 1).

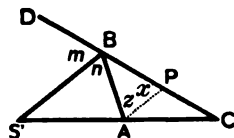
$\therefore PB = AB$  (114).

Substituting above,  $AS : SC = AB : BC$  (Ax. 6). Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XVIII. THEOREM

298. The bisector of an exterior angle of a triangle divides the opposite side (externally) into segments that are proportional to the other two sides.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $BS'$ , the bisector of exterior  $\angle ABD$ , meeting  $AC$  (externally) at  $S'$ .



To Prove:  $S'A : S'C = AB : BC$ .

Proof: Through  $A$  draw  $AP \parallel$  to  $BS'$  meeting  $BC$  at  $P$ .

Then, in  $\triangle CBS'$ ,  $S'A : S'C = BP : BC$  (294).

Now  $\angle m = \angle x$  (67).

And  $\angle n = \angle z$  (66).

But  $\angle m = \angle n$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \angle x = \angle z$  (Ax. 1).

$\therefore BP = AB$  (114).

Substituting above,  $S'A : S'C = AB : BC$  (Ax. 6). Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** If, in 297,  $AS = 3$ ,  $AB = 4$ ,  $BC = 9$ , find  $SC$ .

**Ex. 2.** If, in 297,  $AC = 20$ ,  $AB = 9$ ,  $BC = 21$ , find  $AS$  and  $SC$ .

**Ex. 3.** If, in 298,  $S'A = 10$ ,  $AB = 7$ ,  $BC = 16$ , find  $S'C$  and  $AC$ .

**Ex. 4.** If, in 298,  $AC = 14$ ,  $AB = 12$ ,  $BC = 19$ , find  $S'A$  and  $S'C$ .

**299.** A line is **divided harmonically** if it is divided internally and externally in the same ratio.

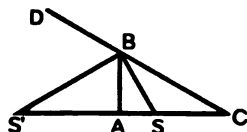
In 297, the line  $AC$  is divided *internally* by  $S$ , in the ratio  $AB : BC$ .

In 298, the line  $AC$  is divided *externally* by  $S'$ , in the ratio  $AB : BC$ .

### PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM

**300.** The bisectors of the interior and exterior angles of a triangle (at a vertex) divide the opposite side harmonically.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $BS$  bisecting  $\angle ABC$ ; and  $BS'$  bisecting  $\angle ABD$ .



**To Prove:**  $AS : SC = S'A : S'C$ .

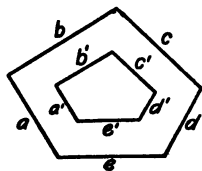
$$\text{Proof:} \quad \frac{AS}{SC} = \frac{AB}{BC} \quad (297).$$

$$\frac{S'A}{S'C} = \frac{AB}{BC} \quad (298).$$

$$\therefore \frac{AS}{SC} = \frac{S'A}{S'C} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

**301.** **Similar polygons** are polygons that are mutually equiangular and the homologous sides of which are proportional. That is, every pair of homologous angles are equal; and the ratio of one pair of homologous sides is equal to the ratio of every other pair of homologous sides,



$$a : a' = b : b' = c : c' = d : d' = e : e'.$$

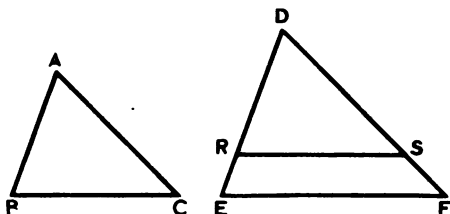
**Triangles are similar** if they are mutually equiangular and their homologous sides are proportional.

## PROPOSITION XX. THEOREM

**302.** Two triangles are similar if they are mutually equiangular.

Given:  $\triangle ABC, DEF$ ;  $\angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F$ .

To Prove: The  $\triangle$  are similar (that is, their sides are proportional).



**Proof:** Place  $\triangle ABC$  upon  $\triangle DEF$  so that  $\angle A$  coincides with its equal,  $\angle D$ , and  $\triangle ABC$  takes the position of  $\triangle DRS$ .

Then  $\angle DRS = \angle E$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore RS$  is  $\parallel$  to  $EF$  (71).

$\therefore DE:DR = DF:DS$  (294).

That is,  $DE:AB = DF:AC$  (Ax. 6).

Likewise, by placing  $\triangle ABC$  upon  $\triangle DEF$  so that  $\angle B$  coincides with its equal,  $\angle E$ , we may prove that

$$DE:AB = EF:BC$$

$\therefore DE:AB = DF:AC = EF:BC$  (Ax. 1).

$\therefore$  the  $\triangle$  are similar (301).

Q.E.D.

**303. COROLLARY.** Two triangles are similar if two angles of one are equal to two angles of the other. (111 and 302.)

**304. COROLLARY.** Two right triangles are similar if an acute angle of one is equal to an acute angle of the other. (303.)

**Ex. 1.** If two transversals intersect between two parallels, the triangles formed are similar.

**Ex. 2.** Two isosceles triangles are similar if a base angle of one is equal to a base angle of the other.

**Ex. 3.** Two isosceles triangles are similar if the vertex angle of one is equal to the vertex angle of the other.

**Ex. 4.** The line joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle forms a triangle similar to the original triangle.

**Ex. 5.** The diagonals of a trapezoid form, with the parallel sides, two similar triangles.

**Ex. 6.** If at the extremities of the hypotenuse of a right triangle perpendiculars are erected meeting the legs produced, the new triangles formed are similar.

**Ex. 7.** In the figure of Ex. 6, prove :

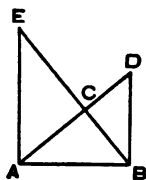
(1) Triangle  $ABC$  similar to each of the triangles  $ACE$  and  $BCD$ .

(2) Triangle  $ABE$  similar to triangle  $ABD$ .

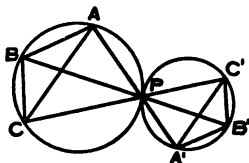
(3) Triangle  $ACE$  similar to triangle  $ABD$ .

(4) Triangle  $BCD$  similar to triangle  $ABE$ .

(5) Triangles  $ABC$ ,  $ABD$ ,  $ABE$  similar.



**Ex. 8.** Two circles are tangent externally at  $P$ ; through  $P$  three lines are drawn, meeting one circumference in  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and the other in  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$ . The triangles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  are similar.



**Ex. 9.** Prove the same theorem if the circles are tangent internally.

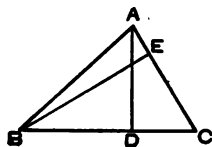
**Ex. 10.** If two circles are tangent externally at  $P$ , and  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  are drawn through  $P$ , terminating in the circumferences, the triangles  $PBC$  and  $PB'C'$  are similar.

[Draw the common tangent at  $P$ .]

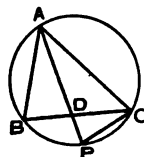
**Ex. 11.** Prove the same theorem if the circles are tangent internally.

**Ex. 12.** If  $AD$  and  $BE$  are two altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ , the triangles  $ACD$  and  $BCE$  are similar.

**Ex. 13.** If  $AD$  and  $BE$  are two altitudes of triangle  $ABC$ , meeting at  $O$ , the triangles  $BOD$  and  $AOE$  are similar.



**Ex. 14.** Triangle  $ABC$  is inscribed in a circle and  $AP$  is drawn to  $P$ , the midpoint of arc  $BC$ , meeting chord  $CB$  at  $D$ . The triangles  $ABD$  and  $ACP$  are similar.





## PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM

305. If a line parallel to one side of a triangle intersects the other sides, the triangle formed is similar to the original triangle.

Given:  $MN \parallel$  to  $BC$  in  $\triangle ABC$ .

To Prove:  $\triangle AMN$  similar to  $\triangle ABC$ .

Proof: In the  $\triangle AMN$  and  $ABC$ ,

$$\angle A = \angle A$$

(Ident.).

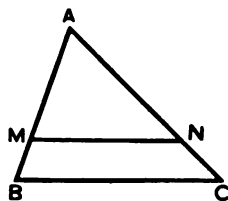
$$\angle AMN = \angle B$$

(67).

$$\therefore \triangle AMN \text{ is similar to } \triangle ABC$$

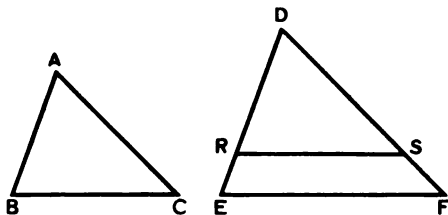
(303).

Q.E.D.



## PROPOSITION XXII. THEOREM

306. If two triangles have an angle of one equal to an angle of the other and the sides including these angles proportional, the triangles are similar.



Given:  $\triangle ABC$  and  $DEF$ ;  $\angle A = \angle D$ ;  $DE:AB = DF:AC$ .

To Prove: The  $\triangle$  similar.

Proof: Superpose  $\triangle ABC$  upon  $\triangle DEF$  so that  $\angle A$  coincides with its equal,  $\angle D$ , and  $\triangle ABC$  takes the position of  $\triangle DRS$ .

Now

$$DE:DR = DF:DS$$

(Hyp.).

$$\therefore RS \text{ is } \parallel \text{ to } EF$$

(296).

$$\therefore \triangle DRS \text{ is similar to } \triangle DEF$$

(305).

Substituting,  $\triangle ABC$  is similar to  $\triangle DEF$

(Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

**307. COROLLARY.** If two triangles are similar to the same triangle, they are similar to each other.

**Proof:** The three angles of each of the first two triangles are respectively equal to the three angles of the third (301).

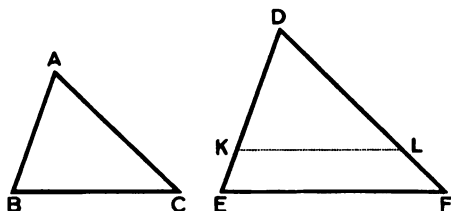
Hence the first two  $\Delta$  are mutually equiangular (Ax. 1).

Therefore they are similar (302).

Q.E.D.

### PROPOSITION XXIII. THEOREM

**308.** If two triangles have their homologous sides proportional, they are similar.



**Given:**  $\Delta ABC$  and  $DEF$ ;  $DE : AB = DF : AC = EF : BC$ .

**To Prove:**  $\Delta ABC$  similar to  $\Delta DEF$ .

**Proof:** On  $DE$  take  $DK =$  to  $AB$ ; and on  $DF$  take  $DL =$  to  $AC$ . Draw  $KL$ .

1st Now  $DE : AB = DF : AC$  (Hyp.).

$DE : DK = DF : DL$  (Ax. 6).

$\therefore KL$  is  $\parallel$  to  $EF$  (296).

$\Delta DKL$  is similar to  $\Delta DEF$  (305).

2d  $DE : DK = EF : KL$  (Def. sim.  $\Delta$ ) (301).

Substituting,  $DE : AB = EF : KL$  (Ax. 6).

But  $DE : AB = EF : BC$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore BC = KL$  (290).

3d  $\Delta ABC$  is congruent to  $\Delta DKL$  (78).

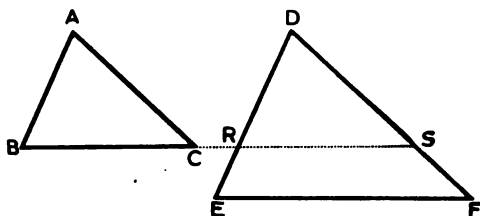
But  $\Delta DKL$  has been proved similar to  $\Delta DEF$ .

Substituting,  $\Delta ABC$  is similar to  $\Delta DEF$  (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXIV. THEOREM

**309.** If two triangles have their homologous sides parallel, they are similar.



**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$  and  $DEF$ ;  $AB \parallel DE$ ;  $AC \parallel DF$ ; and  $BC \parallel EF$ .

**To Prove:**  $\triangle ABC$  similar to  $\triangle DEF$ .

**Proof:** Produce  $BC$  of  $\triangle ABC$  until it intersects two sides of  $\triangle DEF$  at  $R$  and  $S$ .

Now  $\angle B = \angle DRS$ , and  $\angle DRS = \angle E$  (67).  
 $\therefore \angle B = \angle E$  (Ax. 1).

Similarly, we may prove  $\angle ACB = \angle F$ .  
 $\therefore \triangle ABC$  is similar to  $\triangle DEF$  (303).  
 Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** Draw the figure and prove Proposition XXIV:

- (a) If one triangle is entirely within the other;
- (b) If no side of either, when prolonged, meets any side of the other;
- (c) If one side of one intersects two sides of the other, without prolongation;
- (d) If a vertex of one is upon a side of the other.

**Ex. 2.** If in a right triangle, a perpendicular is drawn from the vertex of the right angle upon the hypotenuse, the two new right triangles are similar to the original triangle and to each other.

**Ex. 3.** Are all equilateral triangles similar? Why?

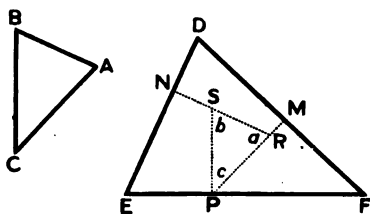
**Ex. 4.** Are all squares similar? all rectangles? Why?

**Ex. 5.** Do a square and a rectangle fulfill either of the conditions for similar polygons?

**Ex. 6.** If from any point in a leg of a right triangle a line is drawn perpendicular to the hypotenuse, the triangles are similar.

## PROPOSITION XXV. THEOREM

310. If two triangles have their homologous sides perpendicular, they are similar.



**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$  and  $DEF$ ;  $AB \perp$  to  $DE$ ;  $AC \perp$  to  $DF$ ; etc.

**To Prove:**  $\triangle ABC$  similar to  $\triangle DEF$ .

**Proof:** Through  $P$ , any point in  $EF$ , construct  $PR \parallel$  to  $AC$ , meeting  $DF$  at  $M$ . At  $R$ , any point in  $PM$ , draw  $RS \parallel$  to  $AB$ , meeting  $ED$  at  $N$ . Draw  $PS \parallel$  to  $BC$ , meeting  $NR$  at  $S$ , forming the  $\triangle PRS$ . Now  $PM$  is  $\perp$  to  $DF$  and  $EN$  is  $\perp$  to  $DE$  (64).

In quadrilateral  $DMRN$ ,

$$\angle D + \angle M + \angle MRN + \angle N = 4 \text{ rt. } \angle \quad (156).$$

$$\text{But} \quad \frac{\angle M + \angle N = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle}{\therefore \angle D + \angle MRN = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle} \quad (16).$$

$$\therefore \angle D + \angle MRN = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle \quad (\text{Ax. 2}).$$

$$\text{But} \quad \angle a + \angle MRN = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle \quad (46).$$

$$\therefore \angle D = \angle a \quad (49).$$

Similarly, by quadrilateral  $EPSN$ , it may be proved that

$$\angle E = \angle b.$$

$$\therefore \triangle DEF \text{ is similar to } \triangle PRS \quad (303).$$

$$\text{But} \quad \triangle ABC \text{ is similar to } \triangle PRS \quad (309).$$

$$\therefore \triangle ABC \text{ is similar to } \triangle DEF \quad (307).$$

Q. E. D.

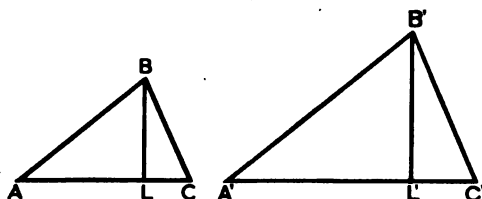
**Historical Note.** Thales, as early as the sixth century B.C., used similar triangles to determine the height of the great Egyptian pyramid. He measured the shadow of a pole of known height, and the shadow of the pyramid at the same time, to obtain homologous sides of similar right triangles.

## PROPOSITION XXVI. THEOREM

**311.** Two homologous altitudes of two similar triangles are proportional to any two homologous sides.

Given: (?).

To Prove:  $\frac{BL}{B'L'} = \frac{AB}{A'B'} = \frac{AC}{A'C'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'}$ .



**Proof:**  $\triangle ABC$  is similar to  $\triangle A'B'C'$  (Hyp.).

$$\therefore \angle A = \angle A' \quad (301).$$

$$\therefore \triangle ABL \text{ is similar to } \triangle A'B'L' \quad (304).$$

$$\therefore \frac{BL}{B'L'} = \frac{AB}{A'B'} \quad (301).$$

But  $\frac{AB}{A'B'} = \frac{AC}{A'C'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'} \quad (301).$

$$\therefore \frac{BL}{B'L'} = \frac{AB}{A'B'} = \frac{AC}{A'C'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q. E. D.

**312.** In similar figures, homologous angles are equal (Def.).

**313.** In similar figures, homologous sides are proportional (Def.).

The antecedents of this proportion belong to one of the similar figures, and the consequents to the other.

**314.** In similar triangles, homologous sides are opposite homologous angles.

Shortest sides are homologous. (Opposite smallest  $\angle$ ).

Medium sides are homologous. (Opposite medium  $\angle$ ).

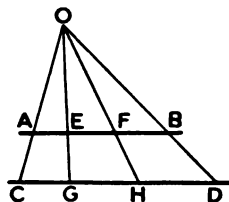
Longest sides are homologous. (Opposite largest  $\angle$ ).

## PROPOSITION XXVII. THEOREM

315. If two parallel lines are cut by three or more transversals that meet at a point, the corresponding segments of the parallels are proportional.

Given: (?).

To Prove:  $\frac{AE}{CG} = \frac{EF}{GH} = \frac{FB}{HD}$ .



Proof: In  $\triangle OCG$ ,  $AE$  is  $\parallel$  to  $CG$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore \triangle OAE$  is similar to  $\triangle OCG$  (305).

Likewise,  $\triangle OEF$  is similar to  $\triangle OGH$ , and  $\triangle OFB$  is similar to  $\triangle OHD$  (305).

$$\therefore \frac{AE}{CG} = \frac{OE}{OG}, \text{ and } \frac{EF}{GH} = \frac{OE}{OG} \quad (313).$$

$$\therefore \frac{AE}{CG} = \frac{EF}{GH} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Likewise  $\frac{EF}{GH} = \frac{OF}{OH}, \text{ and } \frac{OF}{OH} = \frac{FB}{HD} \quad (313).$

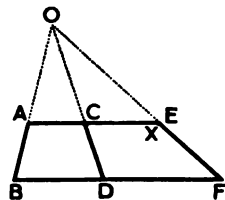
$$\therefore \frac{AE}{CG} = \frac{EF}{GH} = \frac{FB}{HD} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XXVIII. THEOREM

316. If three or more non-parallel transversals intercept proportional segments on two parallels, they meet at a point. [Converse.]

Given: Transversals  $AB$ ,  $CD$ ,  $EF$ ; parallels  $AE$  and  $BF$ ; proportion,  $AC:BD = CE:DF$ .



To Prove:  $AB$ ,  $CD$ ,  $EF$  meet at a point.

Proof: Produce  $AB$  and  $CD$  until they meet, at  $O$ .

Draw  $OF$  cutting  $AE$  at  $X$ .

Now  $AC:BD = CX:DF \quad (315).$

But  $AC:BD = CE:DF \quad (\text{Hyp.}).$

$$\therefore CX = CE \quad (290).$$

$$\therefore FE \text{ and } FX \text{ coincide} \quad (39).$$

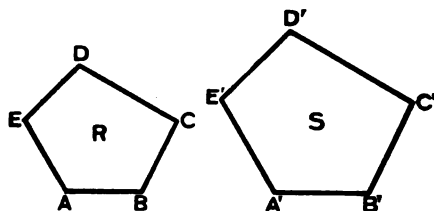
That is,  $FE$  prolonged, passes through  $O$ . Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** Show the truth of Proposition XXVIII, by an accurate diagram.

**Ex. 2.** In the figure of Proposition XXVIII, what is point  $X$ ?

### PROPOSITION XXIX. THEOREM

**317.** The perimeters of two similar polygons are to each other as any two homologous sides.



**Given:** Polygon  $R$  whose perimeter  $= P$  and similar polygon  $S$  whose perimeter  $= P'$ .

**To Prove:**  $P : P' = AB : A'B' = BC : B'C' = \text{etc.}$

**Proof:**  $AB : A'B' = BC : B'C' = CD : C'D' = \text{etc.} \quad (313).$

$$\therefore \frac{AB + BC + CD + \dots}{A'B' + B'C' + C'D' + \dots} = \frac{AB}{A'B'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'} = \dots \text{etc.} \quad (291).$$

Substituting, 
$$\frac{P}{P'} = \frac{AB}{A'B'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'} = \text{etc.} \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$
 Q.E.D.

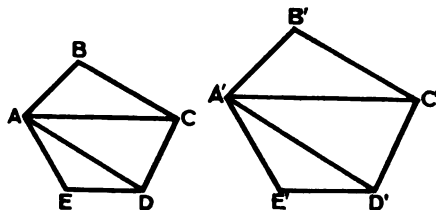
**Ex. 1.** The sides of a certain polygon are 4, 10, 12, 15, and 18. The shortest side of a similar polygon is 6. Find the other four sides.

**Ex. 2.** The perimeters of two similar polygons are 125 and 275 respectively. The longest side of the smaller polygon is 40. Find the longest side of the larger polygon.

**Ex. 3.** Enumerate the ways of proving two triangles similar. Which is the easiest of these ways?

## PROPOSITION XXX. THEOREM

318. If two polygons are similar, they may be decomposed into the same number of triangles, similar each to each and similarly placed.



**Given:** Similar polygons  $BE$  and  $B'E'$ .

**To Prove:**  $\triangle ABC$  similar to  $\triangle A'B'C'$ ;  
 $\triangle ACD$  similar to  $\triangle A'C'D'$ ;  
 $\triangle AED$  similar to  $\triangle A'E'D'$ .

**Proof:** First.  $AB : A'B' = BC : B'C'$  (313).

Also  $\angle B = \angle B'$  (312).

Therefore  $\triangle ABC$  is similar to  $\triangle A'B'C'$  (306).

Second. In  $\triangle ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$ ,  $\frac{BC}{B'C'} = \frac{AC}{A'C'}$  (313).

In the similar polygons,  $\frac{BC}{B'C'} = \frac{CD}{C'D'}$  (313).

Consequently  $\frac{AC}{A'C'} = \frac{CD}{C'D'}$  (Ax. 1).

In the polygons,  $\angle BCD = \angle B'C'D'$  } (312).

In the  $\triangle ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$ ,  $\angle BCA = \angle B'C'A'$  }

Hence, by subtraction,  $\angle ACD = \angle A'C'D'$  (Ax. 2).

Therefore  $\triangle ACD$  is similar to  $\triangle A'C'D'$  (306).

Third.  $\triangle AED$  is proved similar to  $\triangle A'E'D'$  in like manner. Q.E.D.

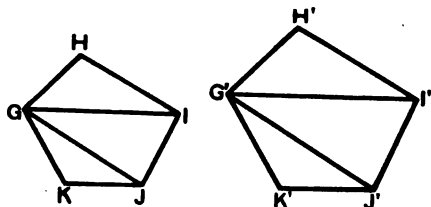
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**Ex.** A map is drawn on a scale of 1 in. to 400 miles. How far is Paris from Antwerp if they are  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. apart on the map?



## PROPOSITION XXXI. THEOREM

319. If two polygons are composed of triangles similar each to each and similarly placed, the polygons are similar. [Converse.]



Given:  $\triangle GHI$  similar to  $\triangle G'H'I'$ ;  
 $\triangle GIJ$  similar to  $\triangle G'I'J'$ ;  
 $\triangle GJK$  similar to  $\triangle G'J'K'$ .

To Prove: The polygons  $HGIJK$  and  $H'G'I'J'K'$  similar.

Proof: First. In  $\triangle HGI$  and  $\triangle H'G'I'$ ,  $\angle H = \angle H'$  (312).

Also in these  $\triangle$   $\angle HIG = \angle H'I'G'$  (312).

In  $\triangle GIJ$  and  $\triangle G'I'J'$ ,  $\angle GIJ = \angle G'I'J'$  (312).

Adding,  $\angle HIJ = \angle H'I'J'$  (Ax. 2).

Likewise  $\angle IJK = \angle I'J'K'$ ; etc.

That is, the polygons are mutually equiangular.

Second. In  $\triangle GHI$  and  $\triangle G'H'I'$ ,  $\frac{GH}{G'H'} = \frac{HI}{H'I'} = \frac{GI}{G'I'}$  (313).

In  $\triangle GIJ$  and  $\triangle G'I'J'$ ,  $\frac{GI}{G'I'} = \frac{IJ}{I'J'} = \frac{GJ}{G'J'}$  (?).

In  $\triangle GJK$  and  $\triangle G'J'K'$ ,  $\frac{GJ}{G'J'} = \frac{JK}{J'K'} = \frac{KG}{K'G'}$  (?).

$\therefore \frac{GH}{G'H'} = \frac{HI}{H'I'} = \frac{IJ}{I'J'} = \frac{JK}{J'K'} = \frac{KG}{K'G'}$  (Ax. 1).

That is, the homologous sides are proportional.

$\therefore$  The polygons are similar (301).

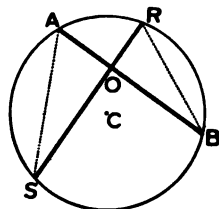
Q.E.D.

Ex. If two parallelograms are similar, and a diagonal in each is drawn, are the resulting triangles necessarily similar in pairs?

## PROPOSITION XXXII. THEOREM

**320.** If through a fixed point within a circle two chords are drawn, the product of the segments of one equals the product of the segments of the other.

**Given:** Point  $O$  in circle  $C$ ; chords  $AB$  and  $RS$  intersecting at  $O$ . (Review the note, p. 149.)



**To Prove:**  $AO \cdot OB = RO \cdot OS$ .

**Proof:** Draw  $AS$  and  $RB$ .

In $\triangle AOS$ and $ROB$ ,	$\angle S = \angle B$	(239).
And	$\angle A = \angle R$	(?).
	$\therefore$ these $\triangle$ are similar	(303).
	$\therefore AO : RO = OS : OB$	(313).
	$\therefore AO \cdot OB = RO \cdot OS$	(280). Q.E.D.

**321. COROLLARY.** The product of the segments of any chord drawn through a fixed point within a circle is constant for all chords through this point.

**322. Direct proportion and reciprocal (or inverse) proportion.**

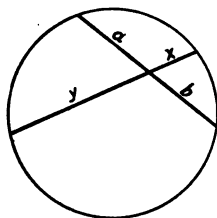
*Illustrations.* I. If a man earns \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  each day, in 8 days he earns \$36. In 12 days he earns \$54. Hence, 8 da. : 12 da. = \$36 : \$54 is a proportion in which the antecedents belong to the same condition or circumstance, and the consequents belong to some other condition or circumstance. This is called a *direct proportion*.

II. If one man can build a certain wall in 120 days, 8 men can build it in 15 days; or 12 men in 10 days. Hence, 8 men : 12 men = 10 da. : 15 da. is a proportion in which the means belong to the same condition or circumstance, and the extremes belong to some other condition or circumstance. This is called a *reciprocal (or inverse) proportion*.

**Definitions.** A *direct proportion* is a proportion in which the antecedents belong to the same circumstance or figure, and the consequents belong to some other circumstance or figure. Thus, the ordinary proportions derived from similar figures are direct proportions.

A **reciprocal** (or **inverse**) **proportion** is a proportion in which the means belong to the same circumstance or figure, and the extremes belong to some other circumstance or figure.

Thus, in the adjoining figure,  $a \cdot b = x \cdot y$  (320).  
 $\therefore a : x = y : b$  (281). This is a reciprocal proportion because the means are parts of *one* chord, and the extremes are parts of the *other* chord.



**323. THEOREM.** If through a fixed point within a circle two chords are drawn, their four segments are reciprocally (or inversely) proportional.

**Proof:** [Identical with 320 ; omitting the last step.]

### PROPOSITION XXXIII. THEOREM

**324.** If from a fixed point without a circle a secant and a tangent are drawn, the product of the whole secant and the external segment equals the square of the tangent.

**Given:**  $\odot C$ ; secant  $PAB$ ; tangent  $PT$ .

**To Prove:**  $PB \cdot PA = \overline{PT}^2$ .

**Proof:** Draw  $AT$  and  $BT$ .

In  $\triangle PAT$  and  $PBT$ ,  $\angle P = \angle P$

$\angle PTA$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $AT$

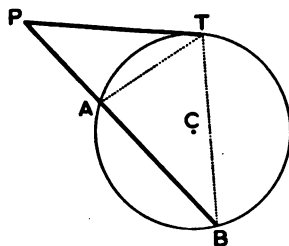
$\angle B$  is measured by  $\frac{1}{2}$  arc  $AT$

$\therefore \angle PTA = \angle B$

Therefore  $\triangle PAT$  is similar to  $\triangle PBT$

Hence  $PB : PT = PT : PA$

$\therefore PB \cdot PA = \overline{PT}^2$



(Iden.).

(241).

(236).

(237).

(303).

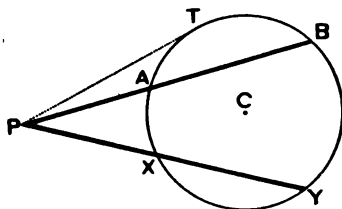
(313).

(280).

Q.E.D.

**325. COROLLARY.** If from a fixed point without a circle any secant is drawn, the product of the secant and its external segment is constant for all secants.

**Proof:** Any secant  $\times$  ext. seg. =  $(\tan.)^2 = \text{constant}$ .



**326. COROLLARY.** If from a fixed point without a circle two secants are drawn, these secants and their external segments are reciprocally (or inversely) proportional.

**Proof:**  $PB \cdot PA = PY \cdot PX$  (325).

$\therefore PB : PY = PX : PA$  (281).

Q. E. D.

**327. THEOREM.** If from a fixed point without a circle a secant and a tangent are drawn, the tangent is a mean proportional between the secant and its external segment.

**Proof:** [Identical with proof of 324 ; omitting the last step.]

**Ex. 1.** If  $PA = 3$  in., and  $PB = 12$  in., find the length of  $PT$ .

**Ex. 2.** If  $PB = 21$  in.,  $PY = 15$  in., and  $PA = 5$  in., find  $PX$ .

**Ex. 3.** Two altitudes of a triangle are reciprocally proportional to the bases to which they are drawn.

**Ex. 4.** If  $AD$  and  $BE$  are two altitudes of a triangle, and  $DE$  is drawn, the triangle  $ABC$  is similar to the triangle  $CED$ . [Use 306.]

**Ex. 5.** The four segments of the diagonals of a trapezoid are proportional.

## PROPOSITION XXXIV. THEOREM

323. In any triangle the product of two sides is equal to the diameter of the circumscribed circle multiplied by the altitude upon the third side.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ; circumscribed  $\odot O$ ; altitude  $BK$ .

To Prove:  $a \cdot c = d \cdot h$ .

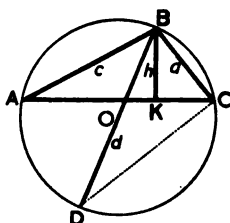
Proof: Draw chord  $CD$ .  $\angle BCD = \text{rt. } \angle$  (240).

In rt.  $\triangle ABK$  and  $BCD$ ,  $\angle A = \angle D$  (239).

$\therefore$  these  $\triangle$  are similar (304).

$\therefore c : d = h : a$  (313).

$\therefore a \cdot c = d \cdot h$  (280). Q.E.D.



## PROPOSITION XXXV. THEOREM

329. In any triangle the product of two sides is equal to the square of the bisector of their included angle, plus the product of the segments of the third side formed by the bisector.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $CO$  bisector of  $\angle ACB$ .

To Prove:  $a \cdot b = t^2 + n \cdot r$ .

Proof: Circumscribe a  $\odot$  about the  $\triangle ABC$ .

Produce  $CO$  to meet  $\odot$  at  $D$ . Draw  $BD$ .

In  $\triangle ACO$  and  $BCD$ ,  $\angle ACO = \angle BCD$  (Hyp.).

Also  $\angle A = \angle D$  (239).

$\therefore \triangle ACO$  and  $BCD$  are similar (303).

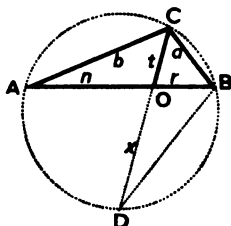
$\therefore b : (t + x) = t : a$  (313).

$\therefore a \cdot b = t^2 + tx$  (280).

Now  $AB$  and  $CD$  are chords (Const.).

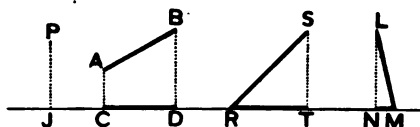
$\therefore t \cdot x = n \cdot r$  (320).

Substituting,  $a \cdot b = t^2 + n \cdot r$  (Ax. 6). Q.E.D.



**330.** The **projection** of a point upon a line is the foot of the perpendicular from the point to the line.

Thus, the projection of  $P$  is  $J$ .



The **projection** of a definite line upon an indefinite line is the part of the indefinite line between the feet of the two perpendiculars to it, from the extremities of the definite line.

The projection of  $AB$  is  $CD$ ; of  $RS$  is  $RT$ ; of  $LM$  is  $NM$ .

### PROPOSITION XXXVI. THEOREM

**331.** If in a right triangle a perpendicular is drawn from the vertex of the right angle upon the hypotenuse :

I. The triangles formed are similar to the given triangle and similar to each other.

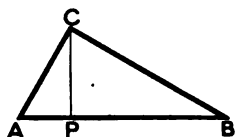
II. The perpendicular is a mean proportional between the segments of the hypotenuse.

Given: Rt.  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $CP \perp$  to  $AB$  from  $C$ .

To Prove:

I.  $\triangle APC$ ,  $\triangle ABC$ , and  $\triangle BPC$  similar.

II.  $AP : CP = CP : PB$ .



**Proof:** I. In rt.  $\triangle APC$  and  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle A = \angle A$  (Iden.).

$\therefore \triangle APC$  is similar to  $\triangle ABC$  (304).

In rt.  $\triangle BPC$  and  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle B = \angle B$  (Iden.).

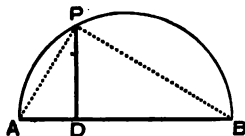
$\therefore \triangle BPC$  is similar to  $\triangle ABC$  (304).

Therefore  $\triangle APC$ ,  $\triangle ABC$ , and  $\triangle BPC$  are all similar (307).

II. In the  $\triangle APC$  and  $\triangle BPC$ ,  $AP : CP = CP : PB$  (313).

Q.E.D.

**332. COROLLARY.** If from any point in a circumference a perpendicular is drawn to a diameter, it is a mean proportional between the segments of the diameter.



**Given:** (?). **To Prove:** (?).

**Proof:** Draw chords  $AP$  and  $BP$ .

$\triangle APB$  is a rt.  $\triangle$

(240).

$\therefore AD : PD = PD : DB$

(331, II).

Q.E.D.

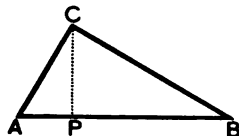
### PROPOSITION XXXVII. THEOREM

**333.** The square of a leg of a right triangle is equal to the product of the hypotenuse and the projection of this leg upon the hypotenuse.

**Given:** Rt.  $\triangle ABC$ ;  $AC$  and  $BC$  the legs.

**To Prove:** I.  $\overline{AC}^2 = AB \cdot AP$ .

II.  $\overline{BC}^2 = AB \cdot BP$ .



**Proof:** I. The rt.  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle APC$  are similar (331, I).

$\therefore AB : AC = AC : AP$  (313).

$\therefore \overline{AC}^2 = AB \cdot AP$  (280).

II. The rt.  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle BCP$  are similar (?).

$\therefore AB : BC = BC : BP$  (313).

$\overline{BC}^2 = AB \cdot BP$  (280).

Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** If, in 331,  $AP = 3$ ,  $PB = 27$ , find  $CP$ .

**Ex. 2.** If, in 333,  $AP = 4$ ,  $PB = 21$ , find  $AC$  and  $BC$ .

**Ex. 3.** If, in 333,  $AB = 20$ ,  $AC = 10$ , find  $AP$ ,  $BP$ ,  $CP$ , and  $BC$ .

**Ex. 4.** If, in 331,  $AP = 10$  and  $CP = 20$ , find  $BP$ .

**Ex. 5.** If, in 333,  $AB = 45$  and  $AC = 15$ , find  $AP$ ,  $BP$ ,  $CP$ , and  $BC$ .

**Ex. 6.** If, in 333,  $AP = 9$  and  $BP = 16$ , find  $AC$ ,  $PC$ , and  $BC$ .

**Ex. 7.** A stone arch in the shape of the arc of a circle is 4 ft. high. The chord of half the arch is 10 ft. Find the diameter.

## PROPOSITION XXXVIII. THEOREM

334. The sum of the squares of the legs of a right triangle is equal to the square of the hypotenuse.

Given: Rt.  $\triangle ABC$ .

To Prove:  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ .

Proof: Draw  $CP \perp$  to the hypotenuse  $AB$ .

Denote  $AP$  by  $p$  and  $PB$  by  $p'$ .

Now  $b^2 = c \cdot p$  (333).

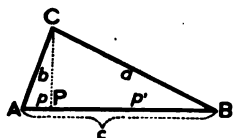
Also  $a^2 = c \cdot p'$  (?).

Adding,  $a^2 + b^2 = c \cdot p + c \cdot p'$  (Ax. 2).

$$= c(p + p')$$

$$= c \cdot c = c^2.$$

Q.E.D.



335. COROLLARY. The square of either leg of a right triangle is equal to the square of the hypotenuse minus the square of the other leg.

That is,  $a^2 = c^2 - b^2$ ; and  $b^2 = c^2 - a^2$  (Ax. 2).

Ex. 1. If  $AC = 28$  and  $BC = 45$ , find  $AB$ .

Ex. 2. If  $AC = 21$  and  $AB = 29$ , find  $BC$ .

Ex. 3. The square of the altitude of an equilateral triangle equals three fourths the square of a side.

Ex. 4. In any triangle the difference of the squares of two sides is equal to the difference of the squares of their projections on the third side.

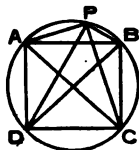
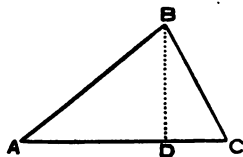
$[AB^2 = (?)$ ;  $BC^2 = (?)$ . Subtract, etc.]

Ex. 5. If the altitudes of triangle  $ABC$  meet at  $O$ ,  $AB^2 - AC^2 = BO^2 - CO^2$ .

[Consult Ex. 4 and substitute.]

Ex. 6. If lines are drawn from any point in a circle to the four vertices of an inscribed square, the sum of the squares of these four lines is equal to twice the square of the diameter.

Proof:  $\triangle APC$ ,  $DPB$  are rt.  $\triangle$ ; etc.





## PROPOSITION XXXIX. THEOREM

336. In an obtuse triangle the square of the side opposite the obtuse angle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides plus twice the product of one of these two sides and the projection of the other side upon that one.

Given: Obtuse  $\triangle ABC$ ; etc.

To Prove:  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2bp$ .

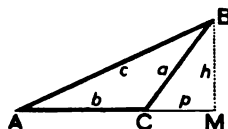
Proof: In right  $\triangle CBM$ ,  $h^2 + p^2 = a^2$  (334).

In right  $\triangle ABM$ ,  $c^2 = h^2 + (p + b)^2$  (334).

$$= \underbrace{h^2 + p^2}_{a^2} + b^2 + 2bp$$

(Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.



## PROPOSITION XL. THEOREM

337. In any triangle the square of the side opposite an acute angle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides minus twice the product of one of these two sides and the projection of the other side upon that one.

Given: (?).

To Prove:  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2bp$ .

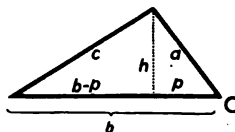
Proof: In one rt.  $\triangle$ ,  $h^2 + p^2 = a^2$  (334).

In the other rt.  $\triangle$ ,  $c^2 = h^2 + (b - p)^2$  (334).

$$= \underbrace{h^2 + p^2}_{a^2} + b^2 - 2bp$$

(Ax. 6).

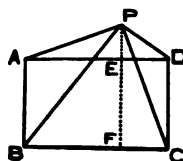
Q.E.D.



NOTE. This theorem is equally true in the case of an obtuse triangle.

Ex. If lines are drawn from any external point to the vertices of a rectangle  $ABCD$ , the sum of the squares of two of them which are drawn to a pair of opposite vertices is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two.

To Prove:  $\overline{PA}^2 + \overline{PC}^2 = \overline{PB}^2 + \overline{PD}^2$ .

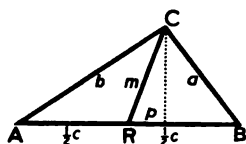


## PROPOSITION XLI. THEOREM

338. I. The sum of the squares of two sides of a triangle is equal to twice the square of half the third side increased by twice the square of the median upon that side.

II. The difference of the squares of two sides of a triangle is equal to twice the product of the third side by the projection of the median upon that side.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ; median =  $m$ ; its projection =  $p$ ; and side  $b >$  side  $a$ .



To Prove:

I.  $b^2 + a^2 = 2(\frac{1}{2}c)^2 + 2m^2$ .

II.  $b^2 - a^2 = 2cp$ .

Proof: In  $\triangle ARC$  and  $BRC$ ,  $AR = BR$

(Hyp.).

And

$$CR = CR$$

(Iden.).

Also

$$AC > BC$$

(Hyp.).

$$\therefore \angle ARC > \angle BRC$$

(92).

That is,  $\angle ARC$  is obtuse and  $\angle BRC$  is acute.

$$\therefore \text{In } \triangle ARC, \quad b^2 = (\frac{1}{2}c)^2 + m^2 + cp \quad (336).$$

$$\text{In } \triangle BRC, \quad a^2 = (\frac{1}{2}c)^2 + m^2 - cp \quad (337).$$

I. Adding,  $b^2 + a^2 = 2(\frac{1}{2}c)^2 + 2m^2$  (Ax. 2).

II. Subtracting,  $b^2 - a^2 = 2cp$  (Ax. 2).

Q. E. D.

339. Formulas. If the vertices of a triangle are denoted by  $A, B, C$ , the lengths of the sides opposite are denoted by  $a, b, c$ , respectively; the altitude upon these sides by  $h_a, h_b, h_c$ , respectively; the bisectors of the angles by  $t_a, t_b, t_c$ , respectively; the medians by  $m_a, m_b, m_c$ , respectively; the segments of the sides formed by the bisectors of the opposite angles by  $n_a$  and  $r_a, n_b$  and  $r_b, n_c$  and  $r_c$ ; and the projections as follows: the projection of side  $a$  upon side  $b$ , by  $a_p b$ ; of side  $a$  upon side  $c$ , by  $a_p c$ ; of side  $b$  upon side  $c$ , by  $b_p c$ ; etc.

It is assumed that  $a, b, c$  are known. The following values of the various lines in a triangle are obtained by solving the equations already established.

I. Projections.

1. If  $\angle C$  is obtuse,  ${}_ap_b = \frac{c^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2b}$ ;  ${}_bp_a = \frac{c^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2a}$ ; etc.

2. If  $\angle C$  is acute,  ${}_ap_b = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2b}$ ;  ${}_bp_a = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a}$ ; etc.

II. Altitudes.  $h_b = \sqrt{a^2 - {}_ap_b^2}$ ;  $h_a = \sqrt{b^2 - {}_bp_a^2}$ ; etc.

III. Medians.  $m_c = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2) - c^2}$ ;  $m_a = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}$ ; etc.

IV. Bisectors.  $t_c = \sqrt{ab - n_cr_c^*}$ ;  $t_a = \sqrt{bc - n_ar_a^*}$ ;  $t_b = \sqrt{ac - n_br_b^*}$ .

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V. Diameter of circumscribed circle  $= \frac{ac}{h_b} = \frac{ab}{h_c} = \frac{bc}{h_a}$ .

VI. Largest Angle. Denote largest angle by  $C$ .

1. If  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ ,  $\angle C$  is right (334).

2. If  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$  plus something,  $\angle C$  is obtuse (336).

3. If  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$  minus something,  $\angle C$  is acute (337).

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**Ex. 1.** If the sides of a triangle are  $a = 7$ ,  $b = 10$ ,  $c = 12$ , find the nature of  $\angle C$ .

**Ex. 2.** In the same triangle find  $m_a$ . Find  $m_b$ . Find  $m_c$ .

**Ex. 3.** In the same triangle find  ${}_ap_b$ . Find  ${}_bp_a$ . Find  ${}_ap_c$ . Find  ${}_bp_c$ . Find  ${}_cp_a$ . Find  ${}_cp_b$ .

**Ex. 4.** Find  $h_a$ . Find  $h_b$ . Find  $h_c$ .

**Ex. 5.** Find the diameter of the circumscribed circle.

**Ex. 6.** Find  $n_a$  and  $r_a$ . Find  $n_b$  and  $r_b$ . Find  $n_c$  and  $r_c$ .

**Ex. 7.** Find  $t_a$ . Find  $t_b$ . Find  $t_c$ .

CONCERNING ORIGINALS

**340.** First determine from the nature of each numerical exercise upon which theorem it depends, and then apply that theorem.

\* The segments  $n$  and  $r$  can be found by 297;  $n_b : r_b = c : a$ , etc.

## ORIGINAL EXERCISES (NUMERICAL)

1. The legs of a right triangle are 12 and 16 inches. Find the hypotenuse.
2. The side of a square is 6 feet. What is the diagonal?
3. The base of an isosceles triangle is 16 and the altitude is 15. Find the equal sides.
4. The tangent to a circle from a point is 12 inches and the radius of the circle is 5 inches. Find the length of the line joining the point to the center.
5. In a circle whose radius is 13 inches, what is the length of a chord 5 inches from the center?
6. The length of a chord is 2 feet and its distance from the center is 35 inches. Find the radius of the circle.
7. The hypotenuse of a right triangle is 2 feet 2 inches, and one leg is 10 inches. Find the other.
8. The base of an isosceles triangle is 90 inches and the equal sides are each 53 inches. Find the altitude.
9. The radius of a circle is 4 feet 7 inches. Find the length of the tangent drawn from a point 6 feet 1 inch from the center.
10. How long is a chord 21 yards from the center of a circle whose radius is 35 yards?
11. Each side of an equilateral triangle is 4 feet. Find the altitude.
12. The altitude of an equilateral triangle is 8 feet. Find the side.
13. Each side of an isosceles right triangle is  $a$ . Find the hypotenuse.
14. If the length of the common chord of two intersecting circles is 16, and their radii are 10 and 17, what is the distance between their centers?
15. The diagonal of a rectangle is 82 and one side is 80. Find the other.
16. The length of a tangent to a circle whose diameter is 20, from an external point, is 26. What is the distance from this point to the center?
17. The diagonal of a square is 10. Find each side.
18. Find the length of a chord 2 feet from the center of a circle whose diameter is 5 feet.
19. A flagpole was broken 16 feet from the ground, and the top struck the ground 63 feet from the foot of the pole. How long was the pole?

20. The top of a ladder 17 feet long reaches a point on a wall 15 feet from the ground. How far is the lower end of the ladder from the wall?

21. A chord 2 feet long is 5 inches from the center of a circle. How far from the center is a chord 10 inches long? [Find the radius.]

22. The diameters of two concentric circles are 1 foot 10 inches and 10 feet 2 inches. Find the length of a chord of the larger which is tangent to the less.

23. The lower ends of a post and a flagpole are 42 feet apart; the post is 8 feet high and the pole, 48 feet. How far is it from the top of one to the top of the other?

24. The radii of two circles are 8 inches and 17 inches, and their centers are 41 inches apart. Find the lengths of their common external tangents; of their common internal tangents.

25. A ladder 65 feet long stands in a street. If it inclines toward one side, it will touch a house at a point 16 feet above the pavement; if to the other side, it will touch a house at a point 56 feet above the pavement. How wide is the street?

26. Two parallel chords of a circle on opposite sides of the center are 4 feet, and 40 inches long, respectively, and the distance between them is 22 inches. Find the radius of the circle.

[Draw the radii to ends of chords; these = hypotenuses =  $R$ ; the distances from the center =  $x$  and  $22 - x$ .]

27. The legs of an isosceles trapezoid are each 2 ft. 1 in. long, and one of the bases is 3 ft. 4 in. longer than the other. Find the altitude.

28. One of the non-parallel sides of a trapezoid is perpendicular to both bases, and is 63 feet long; the bases are 41 feet and 25 feet long. Find the length of the remaining side.

29. If  $a = 10$ ,  $h = 6$ , find  $p$ ,  $c$ ,  $p'$ ,  $b$ .

30. If  $h = 8$ ,  $p' = 4$ , find  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $p$ ,  $a$ .

31. If  $a = 10$ ,  $p' = 15$ , find  $p$ ,  $c$ ,  $h$ ,  $b$ .

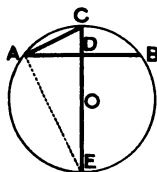
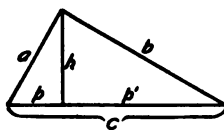
32. If  $a = 9$ ,  $b = 12$ , find  $c$ ,  $p$ ,  $p'$ ,  $h$ .

33. If  $p = 3$ ,  $p' = 12$ , find  $h$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ .

34. The line joining the midpoint of a chord to the midpoint of its arc is 5 inches. If the chord is 2 feet long, what is the diameter?

[ $\triangle ACE$  is rt.  $\triangle$  (?).  $\therefore \overline{AC}^2 = CE \cdot CD$  (?).]

35. If the chord of an arc is 60 and the chord of its half is 34, what is the diameter?



36. The line joining the midpoint of a chord to the midpoint of its arc is 6 inches. The chord of half this arc is 18 inches. Find the diameter. Find the length of the original chord.

37. To a circle whose radius is 10 inches, two tangents each 2 feet long are drawn from a point. Find the length of the chord joining their points of contact.

38. The sides of a triangle are 6, 9, 11. Find the segments of the shortest side made by the bisector of the opposite angle.

39. Find the segments of the longest side made by the bisector of the largest angle in Ex. 38.

40. The sides of a triangle are 5, 9, 12. Find the segments of the shortest side made by the bisector of the opposite exterior angle; also of the medium side made by the bisector of its opposite exterior angle.

41. In the figure of 295, if  $AC = 3$ ,  $CE = 5$ ,  $EG = 8$ ,  $BD = 4$ , find  $DF$  and  $FH$ .

42. If the sides of a triangle are 6, 8, 12 and the shortest side of a similar triangle is 15, find its other sides.

43. If the homologous altitudes of two similar triangles are 9 and 15 and the base of the former is 21, what is the base of the latter?

44. In the figure of 315,  $AE = 4$ ,  $EF = 6$ ,  $FB = 9$ ,  $GH = 15$ . Find  $CG$  and  $CD$ .

45. The sides of a pentagon are 5, 6, 8, 9, 18, and the longest side of a similar pentagon is 78. Find the other sides.

46. A pair of homologous sides of two similar polygons are 9 and 16. If the perimeter of the first is 117, what is the perimeter of the second?

47. The perimeters of two similar polygons are 72 and 120. The shortest side of the former is 4. What is the shortest side of the latter?

48. Two similar triangles have homologous bases 20 and 48. If the altitude of the latter is 36, find the altitude of the former.

49. The segments of a chord, made by a second chord, are 4 and 27. One segment of the second chord is 6. Find the other.

50. One of two intersecting chords is 19 inches long and the segments of the other are 5 inches and 12 inches. Find the segments of the first chord.

51. Two secants are drawn to a circle from a point; their lengths are 15 inches and  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The external segment of the latter is 10 inches. Find the external segment of the former.

52. The tangent to a circle is 1 foot long and the secant from the same point is 1 foot 6 inches. Find the chord part of the secant.

53. The internal segment of a secant 25 inches long is 16 inches. Find the tangent from the same point to the same circle.

54. Two secants to a circle from a point are  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet and 2 feet long; the tangent from the same point is 12 inches. Find the external segments of the two secants.

55. If the sides of a triangle are 5, 6, 8, is the angle opposite 8 right, acute, or obtuse? if the sides are 8, 7, 4?

56. If the sides of a triangle are 8, 9, 12, is the largest angle right, acute, or obtuse? if the sides are 13, 7, 11?

57. The sides of a triangle are  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ . If  $z$  is the greatest side, when will the angle opposite be right? obtuse? acute?

58. The sides of a triangle are 6, 8, 9. Find the length of the projection of side 6 upon side 8; of side 8 upon side 9; of side 9 upon side 6.

59. The sides of a triangle are 5, 6, 9. Find the length of the projection of side 6 upon side 5; of side 9 upon side 6.

60. Find the three altitudes in a triangle with sides 9, 10, 17.

61. Find the three altitudes in a triangle with sides 11, 13, 20.

62. Find the diameter of a circle circumscribed about a triangle with sides 17, 25, 26.

63. Find the length of the bisector of the least angle of a triangle with sides 7, 15, 20; also of the largest angle.

64. Find the length of the bisector of the largest angle of a triangle with sides 12, 32, 33; also of the other angles.

65. Find the three medians in a triangle with sides 4, 7, 9.

66. Find the product of the segments of every chord drawn through a point 4 units from the center of a circle whose radius is 10 units.

67. The bases of a trapezoid are 12 and 20, and the altitude is 8. The other sides are produced to meet. Find the altitude of the larger triangle formed.

68. The shadow of a yardstick perpendicular to the ground is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Find the height of a tree whose shadow at the same time is 100 yards.

69. There are two belt-wheels 3 feet 8 inches and 1 foot 2 inches in diameter, respectively. Their centers are 9 feet 5 inches apart. Find the length of the belt suspended between the wheels if the belt does not cross itself; also the length of the belt if it does cross.

## SUMMARY

**341. Triangles** are proved **similar** by showing that they have :

- (1) Two angles of one equal to two angles of the other.
- (2) An acute angle of one equal to an acute angle of the other. [In right triangles.]
- (3) Homologous sides proportional.
- (4) An angle of one equal to an angle of the other and the including sides proportional.
- (5) Their sides respectively parallel or perpendicular.

**Four lines** are proved **proportional** by showing that they are :

- (1) Homologous sides of similar triangles.
- (2) Homologous sides of similar polygons.
- (3) Homologous lines of similar figures.

**The product of two lines** is proved equal to the product of two others, by proving these four lines proportional and making the product of the extremes equal to the product of the means.

**One line** is proved a **mean proportional** between two others by proving that two triangles containing this line in common are similar, and obtaining the proportion from their sides.

In cases dealing with the **square of a line**, one uses :

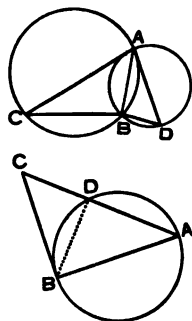
- (1) Similar triangles having this line in common, or,
- (2) A right triangle containing this line as a part.

## ORIGINAL EXERCISES (THEOREMS)

1. In any right triangle the product of the hypotenuse and the altitude upon it is equal to the product of the legs.

2. If two circles intersect at  $A$  and  $B$ , and  $AC$  and  $AD$  are drawn, each a tangent to one circle and a chord of the other, the common chord  $AB$  is a mean proportional between  $BC$  and  $BD$ .

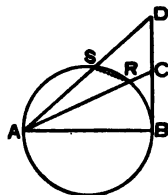
3. If  $AB$  is a diameter and  $BC$  a tangent, and  $AC$  meets the circumference at  $D$ , the diameter is a mean proportional between  $AC$  and  $AD$ .





4. If two circles are tangent externally, the chords formed by a straight line drawn through their point of contact have the same ratio as the diameters of the circles.

5. If a tangent is drawn from one extremity of a diameter, meeting secants from the other extremity, these secants and their internal segments are reciprocally proportional.

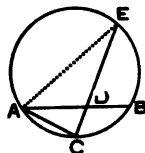


**To Prove:**  $AC : AD = AS : AR$ .

**Proof:** Draw  $RS$ . In  $\triangle ARS$  and  $\triangle ACD$ ,  $\angle A = \angle A$  and  $\angle ARS = \angle D$ . (Explain.) Etc.

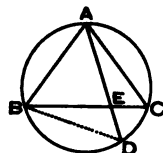
6. If  $AB$  is a chord and  $CE$ , another chord, drawn from  $C$ , the midpoint of arc  $AB$ , meeting chord  $AB$  at  $D$ ,  $AC$  is a mean proportional between  $CD$  and  $CE$ .

Prove the above theorem and deduce that,  $CE \cdot CD$  is constant for all positions of the point  $E$  on arc  $AEB$

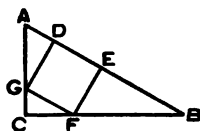


7. If chord  $AD$  is drawn from vertex  $A$  of inscribed isosceles triangle  $ABC$ , cutting  $BC$  at  $E$ ,  $AB$  is a mean proportional between  $AD$  and  $AE$ .

Prove the above theorem and deduce that,  $AD \cdot AE$  is constant for all positions of the point  $D$  on arc  $BDC$ .



8. If a square is inscribed in a right triangle so that one vertex is on each leg of the triangle and the other two vertices on the hypotenuse, the side of the square is a mean proportional between the other segments of the hypotenuse.



**To Prove:**  $AD : DE = DE : EB$ .

First prove  $\triangle ADG$  and  $\triangle BEF$  similar.

9. If the sides of two unequal triangles are respectively parallel, the lines joining homologous vertices meet in a point. (These lines to be produced if necessary.)

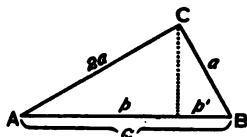
10.  $AB$  is any chord;  $AC$  is a tangent and  $CDE$  is a secant parallel to  $AB$  cutting the circle at  $D$  and  $E$ . Prove that  $AC : AE = DC : BE$ .

11. Prove theorem of 320, by drawing two other auxiliary lines.

12. Prove theorem of 316 if point  $O$  is between the parallels.

13. Prove theorem of 327 by drawing auxiliary lines  $AY$  and  $BX$ .

14. If one leg of a right triangle is double the other, its projection upon the hypotenuse is four times the projection of the other.



**Proof:**  $(2a)^2 = cp$ ;  $a^2 = cp'$  (?)

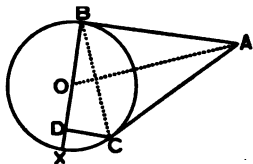
$$\therefore p = \frac{4a^2}{c}; \quad p' = \frac{a^2}{c} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}). \quad \therefore p = 4p' \quad (?)$$

15. If the bisector of an angle of a triangle bisects the opposite side, the triangle is isosceles.

16. The tangents to two intersecting circles from any point in their common chord produced are equal. [Use 324.]

17. If two circles intersect, their common chord, produced, bisects their common tangents.

18. If  $AB$  and  $AC$  are tangents to a circle from  $A$ ;  $CD$  is perpendicular to diameter  $BOX$  from  $C$ ; then  $AB \cdot CD = BD \cdot BO$ .



19. If the altitude of an equilateral triangle is  $h$ , find the side.

20. If one side of a triangle is divided by a point into segments which are proportional to the other sides, a line from this point to the opposite angle bisects that angle.

**To Prove:**  $\angle n = \angle m$  in figure of 297.

**Proof:** Produce  $CB$  to  $P$ , making  $BP = AB$ ; draw  $AP$ ; etc.

21. State and prove the converse of 298.

22. Two rhombuses are similar if an angle of one is equal to an angle of the other.

23. If two circles are tangent internally and any two chords of the greater are drawn from their point of contact, they are divided proportionally by the less circle.

[Draw diameter to point of contact and prove the right  $\Delta$  similar.]

24. The non-parallel sides of a trapezoid and the line joining the midpoints of the bases, if produced, meet at a point. [Use Ax. 3 and 316.]

25. The diagonals of a trapezoid and the line joining the midpoint of the bases meet at a point.

26. If one chord bisects another, either segment of the latter is a mean proportional between the segments of the other.

27. Two parallelograms are similar if they have an angle of the one equal to an angle of the other and the including sides proportional.

28. Two rectangles are similar if two adjoining pairs of homologous sides are proportional.

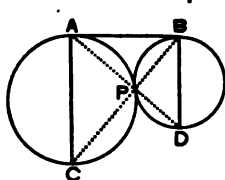
29. If two circles are tangent externally, the common exterior tangent is a mean proportional between the diameters.

[Draw chords  $PA$ ,  $PC$ ,  $PB$ ,  $PD$ .

Prove  $\angle APB$  a rt.  $\angle$ .

Then prove  $APD$  and  $BPC$  straight lines.

Then prove  $\triangle ABC$  and  $ABD$  similar.]

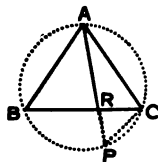


30. In any rhombus the sum of the squares of the diagonals is equal to the square of half the perimeter.

31. If in an angle a series of parallel lines are drawn having their ends in the sides of the angle, their midpoints lie in one straight line.

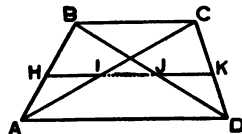
32. If  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle and  $BX$  is the altitude upon  $AC$  (one of the legs),  $\overline{BC}^2 = 2 AC \cdot CX$ . [Use 337.]

33. In an isosceles triangle the square of one leg is equal to the square of the line drawn from the vertex to any point of the base, plus the product of the segments of the base.



**Proof:** Circumscribe a  $\odot$ ; use method of 329.

34. If a line is drawn in a trapezoid parallel to the bases, the segments between the diagonals and the non-parallel sides are equal.



**Proof:**  $\triangle AHI$  and  $ABC$  are similar (?);  $\triangle DKJ$  and  $DCB$  also.

$$\therefore \frac{AH}{AB} = \frac{HI}{BC}, \text{ and } \frac{DK}{DC} = \frac{JK}{BC} \quad (\text{Explain.})$$

$$\text{But } \frac{AH}{AB} = \frac{DK}{DC} \text{ (295). } \therefore \frac{HI}{BC} = \frac{JK}{BC} \quad (\text{Axiom 1}). \text{ Etc.}$$

35. A line through the point of intersection of the diagonals of a trapezoid, and parallel to the bases, is bisected by that point.

36. If  $M$  is the midpoint of hypotenuse  $AB$  of right triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\overline{AB}^2 + \overline{BC}^2 + \overline{AC}^2 = 8 \overline{CM}^2$ .

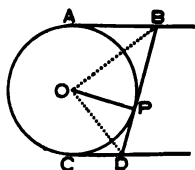
37. The squares of the legs of a right triangle have the same ratio as their projections upon the hypotenuse.

**38.** If the diagonals of a quadrilateral are perpendicular to each other, the sum of the squares of one pair of opposite sides is equal to the sum of the squares of the other pair.

**39.** The sum of the squares of the four sides of a parallelogram is equal to the sum of the squares of the diagonals. [Use 338, I.]

**40.** If  $DE$  is drawn parallel to the hypotenuse  $AB$  of right triangle  $ABC$ , meeting  $AC$  at  $D$  and  $CB$  at  $E$ ,  $\overline{AE}^2 + \overline{BD}^2 = \overline{AB}^2 + \overline{DE}^2$ .  
[Use 4 rt.  $\triangle$  having vertex  $C$ .]

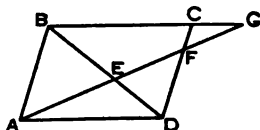
**41.** If between two parallel tangents a third tangent is drawn, the radius of the circle is a mean proportional between the segments of the third tangent.



**To Prove:**  $BP : OP = OP : PD$ .

**Proof:**  $\triangle BOD$  is a rt  $\triangle$  (?). Etc.

**42.** If  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram,  $BD$  a diagonal,  $AG$  any line from  $A$  meeting  $BD$  at  $E$ ,  $CD$  at  $F$ , and  $BC$  (produced) at  $G$ ,  $AE$  is a mean proportional between  $EF$  and  $EG$ .



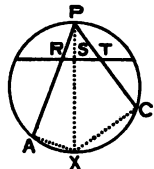
**Proof:**  $\triangle ABE$  and  $EDF$  are similar (?); also  $\triangle ADE$  and  $BEG$  (?). Obtain two ratios equal to  $BE : ED$  and then apply Ax. 1.

**43.** An interior common tangent of two circles divides the line joining their centers into segments proportional to the radii.

**44.** An exterior common tangent of two circles divides the line joining their centers (externally) into segments proportional to the radii.

**45.** The common internal tangents of two circles and the common external tangents meet on the line determined by the centers of the circles.

**46.** If from the midpoint  $P$ , of an arc subtended by a given chord, chords are drawn cutting the given chord, the product of each whole chord from  $P$  and its segment adjacent to  $P$  is constant.



**Proof:** Take two such chords,  $PA$  and  $PC$ ; draw diameter  $PX$ ; etc. Rt.  $\triangle PST$  and  $PCX$  are similar. (Explain.)

**47.** If from any point within a triangle  $ABC$ , perpendiculars to the sides are drawn —  $OR$  to  $AB$ ,  $OS$  to  $BC$ ,  $OT$  to  $AC$ ,

$$\overline{AR}^2 + \overline{BS}^2 + \overline{CT}^2 = \overline{BR}^2 + \overline{CS}^2 + \overline{AT}^2. \quad [\text{Draw } OA, OB, OC.]$$

48. If two chords intersect within a circle and at right angles, the sum of the squares of their four segments equals the square of the diameter.

To Prove:  $\overline{AP}^2 + \overline{BP}^2 + \overline{CP}^2 + \overline{DP}^2 = \overline{AR}^2$ .

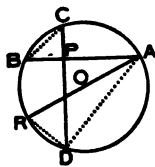
Proof: Draw  $BC, AD, RD$ . Chord  $BR$  is  $\perp$  to  $AB$  (240).

$\therefore CD$  is  $\parallel$  to  $BR$  (?)  $\therefore$  arc  $BC =$  arc  $RD$

$\therefore$  chord  $BC =$  chord  $RD$  (?). Also  $\triangle ARD$  is rt.  $\triangle$

Now  $\overline{AR}^2 = \overline{AD}^2 + \overline{DR}^2$

But  $\overline{AD}^2 = \overline{AP}^2 + \overline{PD}^2$  and  $\overline{DR}^2 =$  etc.



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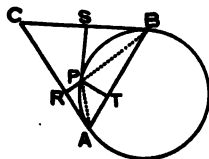
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49. The perpendicular from any point of an arc upon its chord is a mean proportional between the perpendiculars from the same point to the tangents at the ends of the chord.

To Prove:  $PR : PT = PT : PS$ .

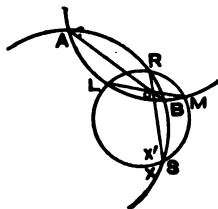
Proof: Prove  $\triangle ARP$  and  $BTP$  similar; also  $\triangle APT$  and  $PBS$  (?). Thus, get two ratios each = to  $PA : PB$ .



50. If each of three circles intersects the other two, the three common chords meet in a point.

To Prove:  $AB, LM, RS$  meet at  $O$ .

Proof: Suppose  $AB$  and  $LM$  meet at  $O$ . Draw  $RO$  and produce it to meet the  $\odot$  at  $X$  and  $X'$ . Prove  $OX = OX'$  (by 320).  $\therefore X, X', S$  are coincident.



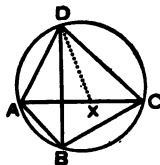
51. In an inscribed quadrilateral the sum of the products of the two pairs of opposite sides is equal to the product of the diagonals.

Proof: Draw  $DX$  making  $\angle CDX = \angle ADB$ ;  $\triangle ADB$  and  $CDX$  are sim. (?); also  $\triangle BCD$  and  $ADX$  (?).

Hence  $AB \cdot DC = DB \cdot XC$  (?),

Also  $AD \cdot BC = DB \cdot AX$  (?).

Adding, etc.



52. If  $AB$  is a diameter,  $BC$  and  $AD$  tangents, meeting chords  $AF$  and  $BF$  (produced) at  $C$  and  $D$  respectively,  $AB$  is a mean proportional between the tangents  $BC$  and  $AD$ .

53. If from a point  $A$  on the circumference of a circle two chords are drawn and a line parallel to the tangent at  $A$  meet them, the chords and their segments nearer to  $A$  are inversely proportional.

## CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS

## PROPOSITION XLII. PROBLEM

**342. To find a fourth proportional to three given lines.**

**Given:** Three lines  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ .

**Required:** To find a fourth proportional to  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ .

**Construction:** Take two indefinite lines,  $AB$  and  $AC$ , meeting at  $A$ . On  $AB$  take  $AR =$  to  $a$ ,  $RV =$  to  $b$ . On  $AC$  take  $AS =$  to  $c$ . Draw  $RS$ .

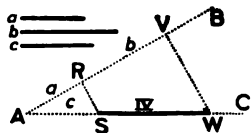
From  $V$  draw  $VW \parallel$  to  $RS$ , meeting  $AC$  at  $W$ .

**Statement:**  $SW$  is the fourth proportional required. Q.E.F.

**Proof:** In  $\triangle AVW$ ,  $RS$  is  $\parallel$  to  $VW$  (Const.).

$$\therefore a : b = c : SW \quad (294).$$

Q.E.D.



## PROPOSITION XLIII. PROBLEM

**343. To find a third proportional to two given lines.**

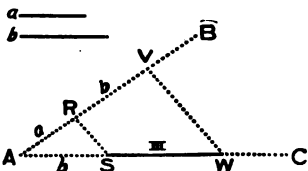
**Given:** (?).

**Required:** (?).

**Construction:**

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**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?)

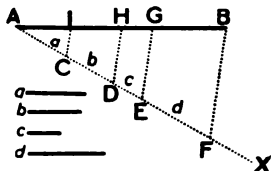


## PROPOSITION XLIV. PROBLEM

**344. To divide a given line into segments proportional to any number of given lines.**

**Given:**  $AB$ ;  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ .

**Required:** To divide  $AB$  into parts which shall be proportional to  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ .



**Construction:** Draw  $AX$  oblique to  $AB$  from  $A$ . On  $AX$  take  $AC =$  to  $a$ ,  $CD =$  to  $b$ ,  $DE =$  to  $c$ ,  $EF =$  to  $d$ . Draw  $FB$  also through  $E$ ,  $D$ , and  $C$ , lines  $\parallel$  to  $FB$ , as  $EG$ ,  $DH$ , and  $CI$ .

**Statement:**  $AI$ ,  $IH$ ,  $HG$ ,  $GB$  are the required parts. Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $AI : a = IH : b = HG : c = GB : d$  (295).

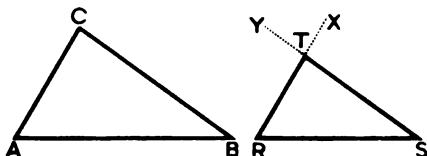
Q.E.D.

#### PROPOSITION XLV. PROBLEM

**345.** To construct a triangle similar to a given triangle and having a given side homologous to a side of the given triangle.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$  and  $RS$  homologous to  $AB$ .

**Required:** To construct a  $\triangle$  on  $RS$  similar to  $\triangle ABC$ .



**Construction:** At  $R$  construct  $\angle SRX =$  to  $\angle A$ ; at  $S$  construct  $\angle RSY =$  to  $\angle B$ , the sides of these angles meeting at  $T$ .

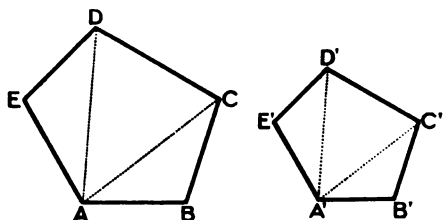
**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?). (303).

#### PROPOSITION XLVI. PROBLEM

**346.** To construct a polygon similar to a given polygon and having a given side homologous to a side of the given polygon.

**Given:** Polygon  $EB$ ; line  $A'B'$  homologous to  $AB$ .

**Required:** To construct a polygon upon  $A'B'$ , similar to polygon  $EB$ .



**Construction:** From  $A$  draw diagonals  $AC$  and  $AD$ .

On  $A'B'$  construct  $\triangle A'B'C'$  similar to  $\triangle ABC$  (by 345).

On  $A'B'$  construct  $\triangle A'C'D'$  similar to  $\triangle ACD$ . Etc.

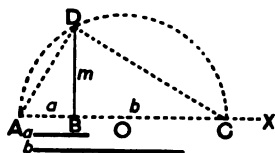
**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?). (319).

## PROPOSITION XLVII. PROBLEM

**347.** To find the mean proportional between two given lines.

**Given:** Lines  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Required:** To find the mean proportional between them.



**Construction:** On an indefinite line,  $AX$ , take  $AB =$  to  $a$  and  $BC =$  to  $b$ . Using  $O$ , the midpoint of  $AC$ , as center, and  $AO$  as radius, describe the semicircle,  $ADC$ . At  $B$  erect  $BD \perp$  to  $AC$ , meeting the arc at  $D$ . Draw  $AD$  and  $CD$ .

**Statement:**  $BD$ , or  $m$ , is the mean proportional required.

Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $a : m = m : b$ .

(?) Q.E.D.

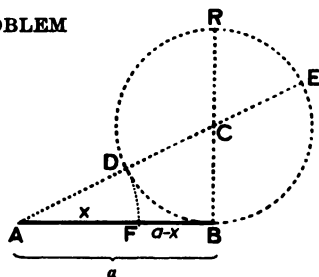
**348.** A line is divided into **extreme and mean ratio** if one segment is a mean proportional between the whole line and the other segment; in other words, if a line is to one of its parts as that part is to the other part. (See 292.)

## PROPOSITION XLVIII. PROBLEM

**349.** To divide a line into **extreme and mean ratio**.

**Given:** Line  $AB = a$ .

**Required:** To divide  $AB$  into extreme and mean ratio; that is, so that  $AB : AF = AF : FB$ .



**Construction:** At  $B$  erect  $BR, \perp$  to  $AB$  and  $=$  to  $AB$ . Using  $C$ , the midpoint of  $BR$ , as center, and  $CB$  as radius, describe a  $\odot$ . Draw  $AC$  meeting  $\odot$  at  $D$  and  $E$ . On  $AB$  take  $AF = AD$ ; let  $AF = x$ .

**Statement:**  $F$  divides  $AB$  so that  $AB : AF = AF : FB$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $AB$  is tangent to  $\odot C$  (202).

$\therefore AE \cdot AD = \overline{AB}^2$  (324).



Now  $AD = x$  (187) and  $DE = a$  (190).

$$\therefore AE = a + x \quad (\text{Ax. 4}).$$

Substituting,  $(a+x)x = a^2$  (Ax. 6).

Or  $ax + x^2 = a^2$

$$\therefore x^2 = a^2 - ax = a(a-x)$$

$$\therefore a : x = x : a - x \quad (281).$$

That is,  $AB : AF = AF : FB$ . Q.E.D.

### PROPOSITION XLIX. PROBLEM.

350. To divide a line externally into extreme and mean ratio.

Given: (?).

Required: (?).



Construction: The same as in 349, except that  $AF'$  is taken on  $BA$  produced, = to  $AE$ .

Statement:  $AB : AF' = AF' : BF'$ . Q.E.F.

Proof:  $AB$  is tangent to  $\odot C$  (202).

$$\therefore AE : AB = AB : AD \quad (325).$$

$$\therefore AE + AB : AE = AB + AD : AB \quad (284).$$

Now  $AE + AB = BF'$  (Ax. 4).

Also  $AB + AD = AE = AF'$  (Const.).

Substituting,  $BF' : AF' = AF' : AB$  (Ax. 6).

That is,  $AB : AF' = AF' : BF'$ . Q.E.D.

351. The lengths of the several lines of 349 and 350 may be found by algebra, if the length of  $AB$  is known.

Thus if  $AB = a$ , we know in 349,  $a : x = x : a - x$ .

Hence  $x^2 = a^2 - ax$ . Solving this quadratic,

$$x = AF = \frac{1}{2}a(\sqrt{5} - 1); \text{ also, } a - x = BF = \frac{1}{2}a(3 - \sqrt{5}).$$

Likewise in 350, if  $AB = a$ ,  $AF' = y$ ,  $a : y = y : a + y$ .

$$\text{Solving for } y, y = AF' = \frac{1}{2}a(\sqrt{5} + 1).$$

$$\text{Also } a + y = BF' = \frac{1}{2}a(3 + \sqrt{5}).$$

## ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTIONS

It is required:

1. To construct a fourth proportional to lines that are exactly 3 in., 5 in., and 6 in. long. How long should this constructed line be?
2. To construct a mean proportional between lines that are exactly 4 in. and 9 in. How long should this constructed line be?
3. To construct a fourth proportional to three lines 5 in., 8 in., and 10 in. will this be the same length as a fourth proportional to 5 in., 10 in., and 8 in.? to 8 in., 10 in., and 5 in.? to 10 in., 5 in., and 8 in.?
4. To construct a third proportional to lines 3 in. and 6 in. long.
5. To produce a given line  $AB$  to point  $P$ , such that  $AB:AP = 3:5$ . [Divide  $AB$  into three equal parts, etc.]
6. To divide a line 8 in. long into two parts in the ratio of 5:7. [Divide the given line into 12 equal parts.]
7. To solve Ex. 6 by constructing a triangle. [See 297.]
8. To divide one side of a triangle into segments proportional to the other two sides.
9. To divide one side of a triangle externally into segments proportional to the other sides.
10. To construct two straight lines having given their sum and ratio. [Consult Ex. 6.]
11. To construct two straight lines having given their difference and ratio. [Consult Ex. 5.]
12. To construct a triangle similar to a given triangle and having a given perimeter. [First, use 344.]
13. To construct a right triangle having given its perimeter and an acute angle. [Constr. a rt.  $\triangle$  having the given acute  $\angle$ . Etc.]
14. To construct a triangle having given its perimeter and two angles. [Constr. a  $\triangle$  having the two given  $\angle$ s. Etc.]
15. To construct a triangle similar to a given triangle and having a given altitude.
16. To construct a rectangle similar to a given rectangle and having a given base.
17. To construct a rectangle similar to a given rectangle and having a given perimeter.
18. To construct a parallelogram similar to a given parallelogram and having a given base.

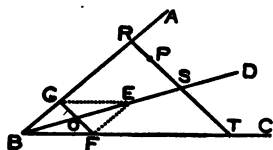
19. To construct a parallelogram similar to a given parallelogram and having a given perimeter.

20. To construct a parallelogram similar to a given parallelogram, and having a given altitude.

21. To draw through a given point another line, which is terminated by the outer two of three lines meeting in a point and bisected by the inner one.

**Construction:** From  $E$  on  $BD$  draw  $lls.$  Etc. Through  $P$  draw  $RT \parallel$  to  $GF$ .

**Statement:**  $RS = ST$ .



22. To inscribe in a given circle a triangle similar to a given triangle.

**Construction:** Circumscribe a  $\odot$  about the given  $\Delta$ ; draw radii to the vertices; at center of given  $\odot$  construct  $3 \angle =$  to the other central angles.

23. To circumscribe about a given circle a triangle similar to a given triangle.

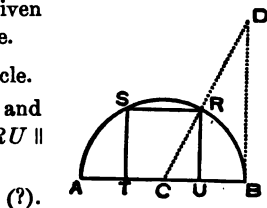
**Construction:** First, inscribe a  $\Delta$  similar to the given  $\Delta$ .

24. To construct a right triangle, having given one leg and its projection upon the hypotenuse.

25. To inscribe a square in a given semicircle.

**Construction:** At  $B$  erect  $BD \perp$  to  $AB$  and  $=$  to  $AB$ ; draw  $DC$ , meeting  $\odot$  at  $R$ ; draw  $RU \parallel$  to  $BD$ . Etc.

**Statement:**



**Proof:**  $RSTU$  is a rectangle (?).  $\Delta CRU$  is similar to  $\Delta CDB$  (?).  $\therefore CU : CB = UR : BD$  (?). But  $CB = \frac{1}{2} BD$  (?).  $\therefore CU = \frac{1}{2} UR$  (?). Etc.

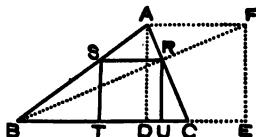
26. To inscribe in a given semicircle a rectangle similar to a given rectangle.

**Construction:** From the midpoint of the base draw line to one of the opposite vertices. At given center construct an  $\angle =$  to the  $\angle$  at the midpoint. Proceed as in Ex. 25.

27. To inscribe a square in a given triangle.

**Construction:** Draw altitude  $AD$ ; construct the square  $ADEF$  upon  $AD$  as a side; draw  $BF$  meeting  $AC$  at  $R$ .

Draw  $RU \parallel$  to  $AD$ ;  $RS \parallel$  to  $BC$ . Etc.



**28.** To inscribe in a given triangle a rectangle similar to a given rectangle.

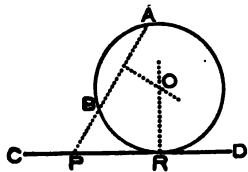
**Construction:** Draw the altitude. On this construct a rectangle similar to the given rectangle.

Proceed as in Ex. 27.

**29.** To construct a circle which shall pass through two given points and touch a given line.

**Given:** Points  $A$  and  $B$ ; line  $CD$ .

**Construction:** Draw line  $AB$  meeting  $CD$  at  $P$ . Construct a mean proportional between  $PA$  and  $PB$  (by 347). On  $PD$  take  $PR =$  to this mean. Erect  $OR \perp$  to  $CD$  at  $R$ , meeting  $\perp$  bisector of  $AB$  at  $O$ . Use  $O$  as center, etc.



**30.** To construct a line  $=$  to  $\sqrt{2}$  in. [Diag. of square the side of which is 1 in.]

**31.** To construct a line  $=$  to  $\sqrt{5}$  in.

[Hyp. of a rt.  $\Delta$ , whose legs are 1 in. and 2 in. respectively.]

**32.** To divide a line into segments in the ratio of  $1 : \sqrt{2}$ .

**33.** To divide a line into segments in the ratio of  $1 : \sqrt{5}$ .

**34.** To construct a line  $x$ , if  $x = \frac{ab}{c}$ , and  $a, b, c$  are lengths of three given lines. [That is, to construct  $x$ , if  $c : a = b : x$  (281).]

**35.** To construct a line  $x$ , if  $x = \frac{ab}{3c}$ . [ $3c : a = b : x$ .]

**36.** To construct a line  $x$ , if  $x = \sqrt{ab}$ . [ $a : x = x : b$ .]

**37.** To construct a line  $x$ , if  $x = \frac{a^2}{c}$ .

**38.** To construct a line  $x$ , if  $x = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$ . [ $a + b : x = x : a - b$ .]

**39.** To construct a line  $x$ , if  $x = \frac{2a^2}{c}$ .

**40.** To construct a line  $y$ , if  $ay = \frac{2}{3}b^2$ .

**41.** To construct a line  $=$  to  $\sqrt{10}$  in.

**42.** To construct a line  $=$  to  $2\sqrt{6}$  in.

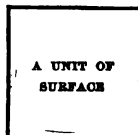
**43.** To construct a line  $=$  to  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ , if  $a$  and  $b$  are given lines.

## BOOK IV

### AREAS OF POLYGONS

#### THEOREMS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

**352.** The unit of surface is a square each side of which is a unit of length.



**353.** The area of a surface is the *number* of units of surface it contains. The area of a surface is the ratio of that surface to the unit of surface.

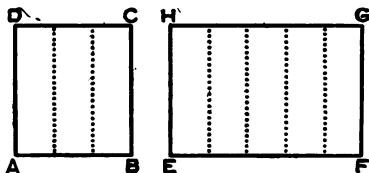
UNIT OF LENGTH

**NOTE.** It is often convenient to speak of "triangle," "rectangle," etc., when one really means "the area of a triangle," or "the area of a rectangle," etc.

#### PROPOSITION I. THEOREM

**354.** If two rectangles have equal altitudes, they are to each other as their bases.

**Given:** Rectangles  $AC$  and  $EG$  having equal altitudes, with bases  $AB$  and  $EF$ .



**To Prove:**

$$AC : EG = AB : EF.$$

**Proof:** I. If  $AB$  and  $EF$  are commensurable.

There is a common unit of measure of  $AB$  and  $EF$  (225). Suppose this unit is contained 3 times in  $AB$  and 5 times in  $EF$ . Hence  $AB : EF = 3 : 5$  (Ax. 3).

Draw lines through these points of division  $\perp$  to the bases. These divide rectangle  $AC$  into three parts and  $EG$  into 5 parts, and all of these eight parts are equal (134).

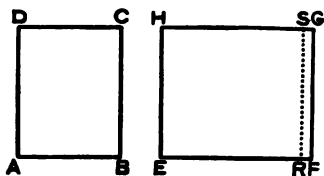
Hence  $AC : EG = 3 : 5$  (Ax. 3).

$$\therefore AC : EG = AB : EF \quad (\text{Ax. 1}). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

II. If  $AB$  and  $EF$  are incommensurable.

There does not exist a common unit (225).

Divide  $AB$  into several equal parts. Apply one of these as a unit of measure to  $EF$ .



There is a remainder,  $RF$  (Hyp.).

Draw  $RS \perp$  to  $EF$ . Now  $\frac{AC}{ES} = \frac{AB}{ER}$  (Case I).

Indefinitely increase the number of equal parts of  $AB$ ; that is, indefinitely decrease each part, or the unit or divisor. Then the remainder,  $RF$ , is indefinitely decreased.

That is,  $RF$  approaches zero as a limit,

Also  $RFGS$  approaches zero as a limit.

Hence  $ER$  approaches  $EF$  as a limit,

Also  $ES$  approaches  $EG$  as a limit.

Therefore  $\frac{AC}{ES}$  approaches  $\frac{AC}{EG}$  as a limit,

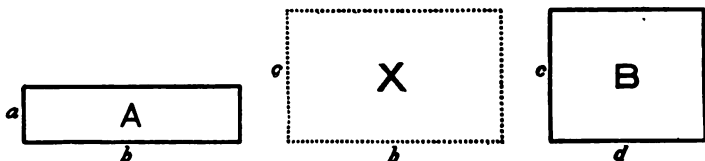
Also  $\frac{AB}{ER}$  approaches  $\frac{AB}{EF}$  as a limit.

$$\therefore \frac{AC}{EG} = \frac{AB}{EF} \quad (229). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**355. COROLLARY.** Two rectangles having equal bases are to each other as their altitudes. (Explain.)

#### PROPOSITION II. THEOREM

**356.** Any two rectangles are to each other as the products of their bases by their altitudes.



**Given:** Rectangles  $A$  and  $B$  the altitudes of which are  $a$  and  $c$ , and the bases  $b$  and  $d$ , respectively.

**To Prove:**  $A : B = a \cdot b : c \cdot d$ .

**Proof:** Construct a third rectangle  $X$ , whose base is  $b$  and whose altitude is  $c$ .

$$\text{Then} \quad \frac{A}{X} = \frac{a}{c} \quad (355).$$

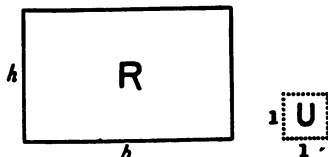
$$\text{Also} \quad \frac{X}{B} = \frac{b}{d} \quad (354).$$

$$\text{Multiplying,} \quad \frac{A}{B} = \frac{a \cdot b}{c \cdot d} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

### PROPOSITION III. THEOREM

**357. The area of a rectangle is equal to the product of its base by its altitude.**

**Given:** Rectangle  $R$ , with base  $b$  and altitude  $h$ .



**To Prove:** Area of  $R = b \cdot h$ .

**Proof:** Draw a square  $U$ , each side of which is a unit of length. This square is a unit of surface (352).

$$\text{Now} \quad \frac{R}{U} = \frac{b \cdot h}{1 \cdot 1} = b \cdot h \quad (356).$$

$$\text{But} \quad \frac{R}{U} = \text{the area of } R \quad (358).$$

$$\therefore \text{ the area of } R = b \cdot h \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

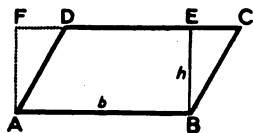
**358. COROLLARY. The area of a square is equal to the square of its side.** (357.)

**Ex.** I have enough material to build 1000 yards of fence. If I put this around a square field, how many square yards will the field contain? If I put it around a rectangular field that is four times as long as it is wide, how many square yards will the field contain?

## PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM

359. The area of a parallelogram is equal to the product of its base by its altitude.

Given:  $\square ABCD$ , with base  $b$  and altitude  $h$ .



To Prove: Area of  $ABCD = b \cdot h$ .

Proof: From  $A$  and  $B$ , the extremities of the base, draw  $\perp$ s to the upper base meeting it in  $F$  and  $E$  respectively.

In rt.  $\triangle ADF$  and  $BCE$ ,

$$AF = BE \quad (124).$$

$$AD = BC \quad (124).$$

$$\therefore \triangle ADF \text{ is congruent to } \triangle BCE \quad (84).$$

Now from the whole figure subtract  $\triangle ADF$  and the parallelogram  $ABCD$  remains. And from the whole figure subtract  $\triangle BCE$  and rectangle  $ABEF$  remains.

$$\therefore \square ABCD = \text{rectangle } ABEF \quad (\text{Ax. 2}).$$

$$\text{But rectangle } ABEF = b \cdot h \quad (357).$$

$$\therefore \square ABCD = b \cdot h \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

360. COROLLARY. All parallelograms having equal bases and equal altitudes are equal in area.

361. COROLLARY. Two parallelograms having equal altitudes are to each other as their bases.

$$\text{Proof: } P = b \cdot h \text{ and } P' = b' \cdot h \quad (359).$$

$$\text{Dividing, } \frac{P}{P'} = \frac{b \cdot h}{b' \cdot h} = \frac{b}{b'} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

Q.E.D.

362. COROLLARY. Two parallelograms having equal bases are to each other as their altitudes. Proof: (?).

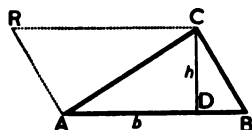
363. COROLLARY. Any two parallelograms are to each other as the products of their bases by their altitudes. Proof: (?).



## PROPOSITION V. THEOREM

**364.** The area of a triangle is equal to half the product of its base by its altitude.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ , with base  $b$  and altitude  $h$ .



**To Prove:** Area of  $\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} b \cdot h$ .

**Proof:** Through  $A$  draw  $AR \parallel$  to  $BC$  and through  $C$  draw  $CR \parallel$  to  $AB$ , meeting  $AR$  at  $R$ .

Now  $ABCR$  is a  $\square$  (120).

The area of  $\square ABCR = b \cdot h$  (359).

Dividing by 2,  $\frac{1}{2} \square ABCR = \frac{1}{2} b \cdot h$  (Ax. 3).

Also  $\frac{1}{2} \square ABCR = \triangle ABC$  (126).

$\therefore$  the area of  $\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} b \cdot h$  (Ax. 1). Q.E.D.

**365. COROLLARY.** A triangle having the same base and altitude as a parallelogram equals half the parallelogram.

**366. COROLLARY.** All triangles having equal bases and equal altitudes are equal in area.

**367. COROLLARY.** All triangles having the same base and whose vertices are in a line parallel to the base are equal.

**368. COROLLARY.** Two triangles having equal altitudes are to each other as their bases.

**Proof:**  $\triangle T = \frac{1}{2} b \cdot h$ ; and  $\triangle T' = \frac{1}{2} b' h$  (364).

Dividing,  $\frac{\triangle T}{\triangle T'} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} b h}{\frac{1}{2} b' h} = \frac{b}{b'}$  (Ax. 3).

**369. COROLLARY.** Two triangles having equal bases are to each other as their altitudes. **Proof:** (?).

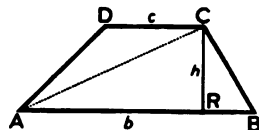
**370. COROLLARY.** Any two triangles are to each other as the products of their bases by their altitudes. **Proof:** (?).

**371. COROLLARY.** The area of a right triangle is equal to half the product of the legs. **Proof:** (?).

## PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM

**372.** The area of a trapezoid is equal to half the product of the altitude by the sum of the bases.

**Given:** Trapezoid  $ABCD$ , with altitude  $h$  and bases  $b$  and  $c$ .



**To Prove:** Area  $= \frac{1}{2} h \cdot (b + c)$ .

**Proof:** Draw diagonal  $AC$ . The  $\triangle ABC$  and  $ADC$  have the same altitude,  $h$ , and their bases are  $b$  and  $c$ , respectively.

$$\text{Now} \quad \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} b \cdot h \quad (364).$$

$$\text{Also} \quad \triangle ADC = \frac{1}{2} c \cdot h \quad (?).$$

$$\text{Adding, } \triangle ABC + \triangle ADC = \frac{1}{2} b \cdot h + \frac{1}{2} c \cdot h \quad (\text{Ax. 2}).$$

$$\text{That is, trapezoid } ABCD = \frac{1}{2} h \cdot (b + c) \quad (\text{Ax. 6}). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**373. COROLLARY.** The area of a trapezoid is equal to the product of the altitude by the median.

$$\text{Proof: Area } ABCD = \frac{1}{2} h \cdot (b + c) = h \cdot \frac{1}{2} (b + c) \quad (372).$$

$$\text{But} \quad \frac{1}{2} (b + c) = \text{median} \quad (138).$$

$$\text{Hence area of trapezoid } ABCD = h \cdot m \quad (\text{Ax. 6}). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**Ex. 1.** If one parallelogram has half the base and the same altitude as another, the area of the first is half the area of the second.

**Ex. 2.** If one parallelogram has half the base and half the altitude of another, its area is one fourth the area of the second.

**Ex. 3.** State and prove two analogous theorems about triangles.

**Ex. 4.** If a triangle has half the base and half the altitude of a parallelogram, the triangle is one eighth of the parallelogram.

**Ex. 5.** The area of a rhombus equals half the product of its diagonals.

**Ex. 6.** The diagonals of a parallelogram divide it into four triangles of equal areas.

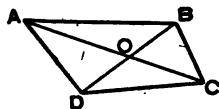
**Ex. 7.** The diagonals of a trapezoid divide it into four triangles, two of which are similar and the other two have equal areas.

**Ex. 8.** If a parallelogram has half the base and half the altitude of a triangle, its area is half the area of the triangle.

**Ex. 9.** The line joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle forms a triangle whose area is one fourth the area of the original triangle.

**Ex. 10.** The line joining the midpoints of two adjacent sides of a parallelogram cuts off a triangle whose area is one eighth of the area of the parallelogram.

**Ex. 11.** If one diagonal of a quadrilateral bisects the other, it also divides the quadrilateral into two triangles having equal areas.



**To Prove:**  $\triangle ABC = \triangle ADC$ .

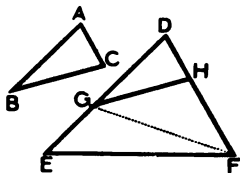
**Ex. 12.** Either diagonal of a trapezoid divides the figure into two triangles the ratio of which is equal to the ratio of the bases of the trapezoid. Prove in two ways.

**Ex. 13.** If, in triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  and  $E$  are the midpoints of sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively,  $\triangle BCD = \triangle BEC$ .

**Ex. 14.** If the diagonals of quadrilateral  $ABCD$  meet at  $E$ , and  $\triangle ABE$  is equal in area to  $\triangle CDE$ , the sides  $AD$  and  $BC$  are parallel.

### PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM

**374.** If two triangles have an angle of one equal to an angle of the other, they are to each other as the products of the sides including the equal angles.



**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$  and  $DEF$ ,  $\angle A = \angle D$ .

**To Prove:**  $\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{AB \cdot AC}{DE \cdot DF}$ .

**Proof:** Superpose  $\triangle ABC$  upon  $\triangle DEF$  so that the equal  $\angle$ s coincide and  $BC$  takes the position denoted by  $GH$ . Draw  $GF$ .

Now  $\triangle DGH$  and  $DGF$  have the same altitude (a  $\perp$  from  $G$  to  $DF$ ), and  $\triangle DGF$  and  $DEF$  have the same altitude (a  $\perp$  from  $F$  to  $DE$ ).

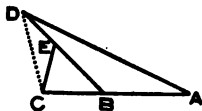
$$\therefore \frac{\triangle DGH}{\triangle DGF} = \frac{DH}{DF} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\triangle DGF}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{DG}{DE} \quad (368).$$

$$\text{Multiplying,} \quad \frac{\triangle DGH}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{DG \cdot DH}{DE \cdot DF} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

$$\text{That is,} \quad \frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{AB \cdot AC}{DE \cdot DF} \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

Q.E.D.

**Ex. 1.** If two triangles have an angle of one the supplement of an angle of the other, the triangles are to each other as the products of the sides including these angles.

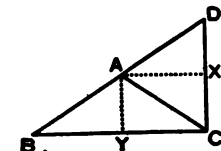


**Ex. 2.** If two triangles of equal area have an angle of one equal to an angle of the other, the sides including these angles are reciprocally proportional.

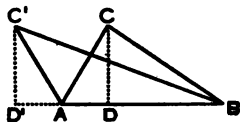
**Ex. 3.** Any two sides of a triangle are reciprocally proportional to the altitudes upon them.

**Ex. 4.** In triangles of equal area the bases and the altitudes upon them are reciprocally proportional.

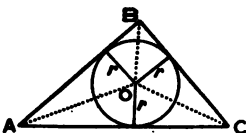
**Ex. 5.** If two isosceles triangles have the legs of one equal to the legs of the other, and the vertex angle of the one the supplement of the vertex angle of the other, the triangles have equal areas.



**Ex. 6.** Two triangles are equal in area if they have two sides of one equal to two sides of the other and the included angles supplementary.



**Ex. 7.** The area of a triangle is equal to half the perimeter of the triangle multiplied by the radius of the inscribed circle.



**Ex. 8.** The area of a polygon circumscribed about a circle is equal to half the product of the perimeter of the polygon by the radius of the circle.

**Ex. 9.** The line joining the midpoints of the bases of a trapezoid bisects the area of the trapezoid.

**Ex. 10.** Any line drawn through the midpoint of a diagonal of a parallelogram, intersecting two sides, bisects the area of the parallelogram.

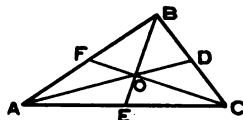
**Ex. 11.** The lines joining (in order) the midpoints of the sides of any quadrilateral form a parallelogram whose area is half the area of the quadrilateral.

**Ex. 12.** If any point within a parallelogram is joined to the four vertices, the sum of one pair of opposite triangles is equal to the sum of the other pair; that is, to half the parallelogram.

**Ex. 13.** Is a triangle bisected by an altitude? by the bisector of an angle? by a median? by the perpendicular bisector of a side? Give reasons.

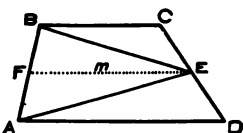
**Ex. 14.** If the three medians of a triangle are drawn, there are six pairs of triangles formed, one of each pair being double the other.

For instance,  $\triangle AOB = 2 \triangle AOE$ ; etc.



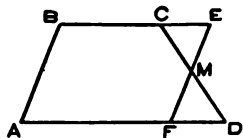
**Ex. 15.** If the midpoints of two sides of a triangle are joined to any point in the base, the quadrilateral formed is half the original triangle.

**Ex. 16.** If lines are drawn from the midpoint of one leg of a trapezoid to the ends of the other leg, the middle triangle thus formed is equivalent to half the trapezoid.



**Ex. 17.** The area of a trapezoid is equal to the product of one of the non-parallel sides, by the perpendicular upon it from the midpoint of the other.

**Ex. 18.** If through the midpoint of one of the non-parallel sides of a trapezoid a line is drawn parallel to the other side, the parallelogram formed is equivalent to the trapezoid.



**Ex. 19.** The sum of the three perpendiculars drawn to the three sides of an equilateral triangle from any point within is constant (being equal to the altitude of the triangle).

**Proof:** Join the point to the vertices. Set the sum of the areas of the three inner  $\Delta$  equal to the area of the whole  $\Delta$ . Etc.

**Historical Note.** Sir Isaac Newton was born on Dec. 25, 1642, at Grantham, England. At an early age he exhibited a fondness and aptitude for mechanical contrivances, — windmills, water-clocks, kites and dials.

Later in his career he studied Descartes' geometry and was inspired with a love for all the mathematical studies. In the years 1665 and 1666 he made many important mathematical discoveries. He invented improvements for both the telescope and microscope, and discovered the existence of the spectrum. The study of Kepler's laws of motion resulted in Newon's discovery of the law of gravita-

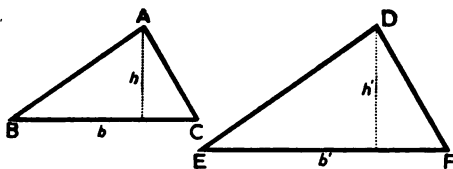


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tion, which he discussed with such contemporaries as Sir Christopher Wren, Hooke, and the astronomer Halley. He also discovered the binomial theorem, which was inscribed on his tomb when he died in 1727. He has always been honored as the greatest mathematician of all time.

## PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM

375. Two similar triangles are to each other as the squares of any two homologous sides.



Given: Similar  $\triangle ABC$  and  $DEF$ .

To Prove:  $\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{DE}^2} = \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{\overline{DF}^2} = \frac{\overline{BC}^2}{\overline{EF}^2}.$

Proof: Denote a pair of homologous altitudes by  $h$  and  $h'$ , and the corresponding bases by  $b$  and  $b'$ .

Now 
$$\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{b \cdot h}{b' \cdot h'} = \frac{b}{b'} \cdot \frac{h}{h'} \quad (370).$$

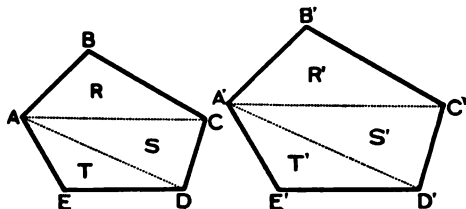
But 
$$\frac{h}{h'} = \frac{b}{b'} \quad (311).$$

Substituting, 
$$\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{b}{b'} \cdot \frac{b}{b'} = \frac{b^2}{b'^2} \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

That is, 
$$\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{\overline{BC}^2}{\overline{EF}^2} \text{ or } = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{DE}^2} \text{ or } = \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{\overline{DF}^2}. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

## PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM

376. Two similar polygons are to each other as the squares of any two homologous sides and as the squares of their perimeters.



Given: Similar polygons  $ABCDE$  and  $A'B'C'D'E'$ , with perimeters  $P$  and  $P'$  respectively.

**To Prove:**  $\frac{\text{Polygon } ABCDE}{\text{Polygon } A'B'C'D'E'} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{A'B'}^2} = \text{etc.}, \text{ and } = \frac{P^2}{P'^2}.$

**Proof:** Draw from homologous vertices,  $A$  and  $A'$ , all the pairs of homologous diagonals, dividing the polygons into  $\Delta$ .

These  $\Delta$  are similar in pairs. (318).

$$\frac{\Delta R}{\Delta R'} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{A'B'}^2} \quad (375).$$

$$\frac{\Delta S}{\Delta S'} = \frac{\overline{CD}^2}{\overline{C'D'}^2} \quad (?).$$

$$\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta T'} = \frac{\overline{DE}^2}{\overline{D'E'}^2} \quad (?).$$

But  $\frac{AB}{A'B'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'} = \frac{CD}{C'D'} = \frac{DE}{D'E'} \quad (313).$

$$\therefore \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{A'B'}^2} = \frac{\overline{BC}^2}{\overline{B'C'}^2} = \frac{\overline{CD}^2}{\overline{C'D'}^2} = \frac{\overline{DE}^2}{\overline{D'E'}^2} \quad (287).$$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta R}{\Delta R'} = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta S'} = \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta T'} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta R + \Delta S + \Delta T}{\Delta R' + \Delta S' + \Delta T'} = \frac{\Delta R}{\Delta R'} \quad (291).$$

Substituting,  $\frac{\text{Polygon } ABCDE}{\text{Polygon } A'B'C'D'E'} = \frac{\Delta R}{\Delta R'} \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$

But  $\frac{\Delta R}{\Delta R'} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{A'B'}^2} \quad (\text{Above}).$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Polygon } ABCDE}{\text{Polygon } A'B'C'D'E'} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{A'B'}^2} \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

Q.E.D.

Also  $P : P' = AB : A'B' = \text{etc.} \quad (317).$

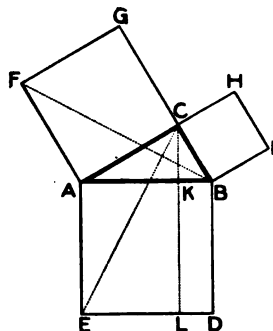
$$\therefore P^2 : P'^2 = \overline{AB}^2 : \overline{A'B'}^2 = \text{etc.} \quad (287).$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Polygon } ABCDE}{\text{Polygon } A'B'C'D'E'} = \frac{P^2}{P'^2} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION X. THEOREM

377. The square described upon the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equal in area to the sum of the squares described upon the legs.



Given: (?).

To Prove: (?).

**Proof:** Draw  $CL \perp$  to  $AB$ , meeting  $AB$  at  $K$  and  $ED$  at  $L$ . Draw  $BF$  and  $CE$ .

Now  $\angle ACB$ ,  $ACG$ , and  $BCH$  are all rt.  $\angle$ s. (Hyp.)

Hence  $ACH$  and  $BCG$  are straight lines. (45.)

Also  $AEK$  and  $BDK$  are rectangles. (Def.)

In  $\triangle ABF$  and  $\triangle ACE$ ,  $AB = AE$ ,  $AF = AC$  (122).

$$\angle BAF = \angle CAE$$

(Each is composed of a rt.  $\angle$  plus  $\angle CAB$ ).

$$\therefore \triangle ABF \cong \triangle ACE \quad (52).$$

Also  $\triangle ABF$  and square  $AG$  have the same base,  $AF$ , and the same altitude,  $AC$ .

$$\therefore \text{square } AG = 2 \cdot \triangle ABF \quad (365).$$

$$\text{Similarly, rectangle } AKLE = 2 \cdot \triangle ACE \quad (365).$$

$$\therefore \text{rectangle } AKLE = \text{square } AG \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

By drawing  $AI$  and  $CD$ , it may be proved in the same manner that rectangle  $BDLK = \text{square } BH$ .

By adding, square  $AD = \text{square } AG + \text{square } BH$  (Ax. 2).

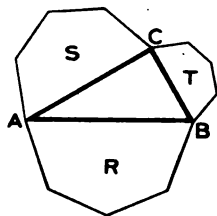
Q. E. D.



**378. COROLLARY.** The square described upon one of the legs of a right triangle is equal in area to the square described upon the hypotenuse minus the square described upon the other leg.

**PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM**

**379.** If the three sides of a right triangle are the homologous sides of three similar polygons, the polygon described upon the hypotenuse is equal in area to the sum of the two polygons described upon the legs.



**Given :** (?). **To Prove :** (?).

**Proof :** 
$$\frac{S}{R} = \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{\overline{AB}^2} \quad (376).$$

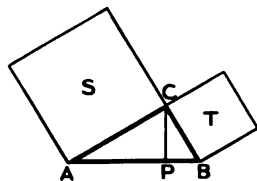
**And** 
$$\frac{T}{R} = \frac{\overline{BC}^2}{\overline{AB}^2} \quad (?).$$

**Adding,** 
$$\frac{S + T}{R} = \frac{\overline{AC}^2 + \overline{BC}^2}{\overline{AB}^2} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{AB}^2} = 1. \quad (\text{Ax. 2; 334.})$$

**Clearing of fractions,**  $R = S + T \quad (\text{Ax. 3}). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$

**380. COROLLARY.** If the three sides of a right triangle are the homologous sides of three similar polygons, the polygon described upon one of the legs is equal in area to the polygon described upon the hypotenuse minus the polygon described upon the other leg.

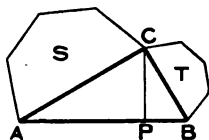
**381. COROLLARY.** The two squares described upon the legs of a right triangle are to each other as the projections of the legs upon the hypotenuse.



**Proof :** Square  $S = \overline{AC}^2$  Square  $T = \overline{BC}^2$  (?)

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Square } S}{\text{Square } T} = \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{\overline{BC}^2} = \frac{AB \cdot AP}{AB \cdot BP} = \frac{AP}{BP} \quad (\text{Ax. 3; 333}).$$

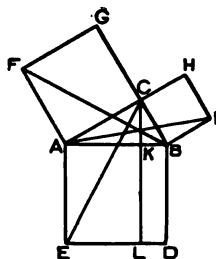
**382. COROLLARY.** If two similar polygons are described upon the legs of a right triangle as homologous sides, they are to each other as the projections of the legs upon the hypotenuse.



**Proof:** 
$$\frac{\text{Polygon } S}{\text{Polygon } T} = \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{\overline{BC}^2} = \frac{AB \cdot AP}{AB \cdot BP} = \frac{AP}{BP} \quad (376; 333).$$

**Ex. 1.** In the figure of 377, prove that:

- (i) Points  $I$ ,  $C$ , and  $F$  are in a straight line.
- (ii)  $CE$  and  $BF$  are perpendicular.
- (iii)  $AG$  and  $BH$  are parallel.
- (iv)  $\triangle AEF = \triangle CGH = \triangle BDI = \triangle ABC$ .



**Ex. 2.** The sum of the squares described upon the four segments of two perpendicular chords in a circle is equal to the square described upon the diameter. (Fig. is on page 185.)

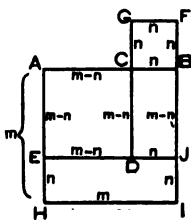
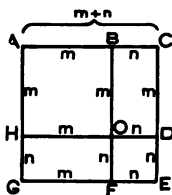
**Ex. 3.** The square described upon the sum of two lines is equal to the sum of the squares described upon the two lines, plus twice the rectangle of these lines.

**To Prove:** Square  $AE = m^2 + n^2 + 2mn$ .

**Ex. 4.** The square described upon the difference of two lines is equal to the sum of the squares described upon the two lines minus twice the rectangle of these lines.

**To Prove:** Square  $AD = m^2 + n^2 - 2mn$ .

**Ex. 5.**  $A$  and  $B$  are the extremities of a diameter of a circle;  $C$  and  $D$  are the points of intersection of any third tangent to this circle with the tangents at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Prove that the area of  $ABDC$  is equal to  $\frac{1}{2} AB \cdot CD$ .



**Ex. 6.** If the four points midway between the center and vertices of a parallelogram are joined in order, a parallelogram is formed similar to the original parallelogram; its perimeter is half of the perimeter of the original figure; and its area is one quarter of the area of the original figure.

**Ex. 7.** If two triangles of equal area have the same base and lie on opposite sides of it, the line joining their vertices is bisected by the line of the base.

**Ex. 8.** What part of a right triangle is the quadrilateral which is cut from the triangle by a line joining the midpoints of the legs?

**Ex. 9.** From  $M$ , a vertex of parallelogram  $LMNO$ , a line  $MPX$  is drawn meeting  $NO$  at  $P$  and  $LO$  produced, at  $X$ .  $LP$  and  $NX$  are also drawn. Prove that triangles  $LOP$  and  $XNP$  are equal in area.

# FORMULAS

## PROPOSITION XII. PROBLEM

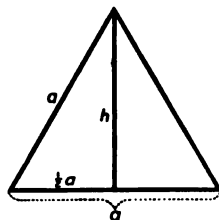
**383.** To derive the formulas for the altitude and the area of an equilateral triangle, in terms of its side.

**Solution:** Let each side =  $a$ , and altitude =  $h$ . 
$$h^2 = a^2 - \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{3a^2}{4} \quad (335).$$

**I.**  $\therefore h = \frac{a}{2} \sqrt{3}.$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} a \cdot h = \frac{1}{2} a \cdot \frac{a}{2} \sqrt{3} \quad (364).$$

**II.**  $\therefore \text{Area} = \frac{a^2 \sqrt{3}}{4}.$



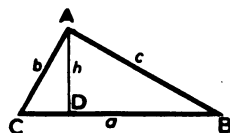
## PROPOSITION XIII. PROBLEM

**384.** To derive a formula for the area of a triangle in terms of its sides.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ , having sides  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ .

**Required:** To derive a formula for its area, containing only  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

**Solution:** Draw altitude  $AD$ .



Now 
$$CD = p_a = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a} \quad (339).$$

Also 
$$\overline{AD}^2 = \overline{AC}^2 - \overline{CD}^2 \quad (335).$$

$$\therefore h^2 = b^2 - \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a} \right)^2 \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

$$\text{Hence } h^2 = \left\{ b + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a} \right\} \left\{ b - \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a} \right\} \text{ (by factoring).}$$

$$\text{Also } h^2 = \frac{2ab + a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a} \cdot \frac{2ab - a^2 - b^2 + c^2}{2a}.$$

$$\therefore h = \sqrt{\frac{(a+b+c)(a+b-c)(c+a-b)(c-a+b)}{4a^2}}.$$

Let  $a + b + c = 2s$ .

Then it is evident that  $a + b - c = 2(s - c)$

and  $a - b + c = 2(s - b)$  and  $-a + b + c = 2(s - a)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Substituting above, } h &= \sqrt{\frac{2s \cdot 2(s-a) \cdot 2(s-b) \cdot 2(s-c)}{4a^2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{a} \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now area } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} a \cdot h = \frac{a}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{a} \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}.$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of } \Delta = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}.$$

**EXERCISE.** Find the area of a triangle whose sides are 17, 25, 28.

Here,  $a = 17$ ,  $b = 25$ ,  $c = 28$ ,  $s = 35$ ,  $s - a = 18$ ,  $s - b = 10$ ,  $s - c = 7$ .

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{35 \cdot 18 \cdot 10 \cdot 7} = \sqrt{7^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^2} = 210.$$

**Ex. 1.** Find the area of the triangle whose sides are 7, 10, 11.

**Ex. 2.** Find the area of the triangle whose sides are 8, 15, 17.

**Ex. 3.** Find the area of the equilateral triangle whose side is 8.

**Ex. 4.** Find the side of the equilateral triangle whose area is  $121\sqrt{3}$ .

**Ex. 5.** Find the area of the equilateral triangle whose altitude is 10.

#### PROPOSITION XIV. PROBLEM

**385.** To derive formulas for the altitudes of a triangle in terms of the three sides.

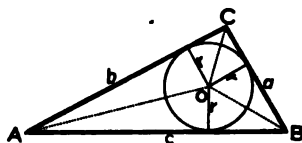
$$\text{Solution: Area} = \frac{1}{2} ah_a = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}.$$

$$\therefore h_a = \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{\frac{1}{2}a}.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } h_b = \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{\frac{1}{2}b}; h_c = \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{\frac{1}{2}c}.$$

PROPOSITION XV. PROBLEM

386. To derive the formula for the radius of the circle inscribed in a triangle, in terms of the sides of the triangle.



Solution: 
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle AOB &= \frac{1}{2} c \cdot r \\ \text{area of } \triangle AOC &= \frac{1}{2} b \cdot r \\ \text{area of } \triangle BOC &= \frac{1}{2} a \cdot r \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (?)$$

Adding,  
[Because  $\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) = s$ .]

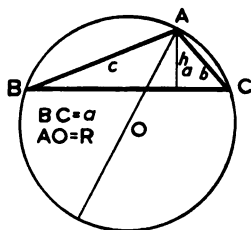
$$\text{area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)r = sr.$$

Hence 
$$r = \frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABC}{s}.$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{s}.$$

PROPOSITION XVI. PROBLEM

387. To derive the formula for the radius of the circle circumscribed about a triangle, in terms of the sides of the triangle.



Solution: 
$$2R \cdot h_a = b \cdot c \quad (328).$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{b \cdot c}{2 h_a}.$$

$$h_a = \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{\frac{1}{2}a} \quad (385).$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{a \cdot b \cdot c}{4 \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}.$$

**Ex. 1.** Find the radius of the circle inscribed in, and the radius of the circle circumscribed about, the triangle whose sides are 17, 25, 28.

**Ex. 2.** Find for triangle whose sides are 11, 14, 17, the radii of the inscribed and circumscribed circles.

## ORIGINAL EXERCISES (NUMERICAL)

1. The base of a parallelogram is 2 ft. 6 in. and its altitude is 1 ft. 4 in. Find the area. Find the side of a square of equal area.

2. The area of a rectangle is 540 sq. m. and its altitude is 15 m. Find its base and its diagonal.

3. The base of a rectangle is 3 ft. 4 in. and its diagonal is 3 ft. 5 in. Find its area.

4. The bases of a trapezoid are 2 ft. 1 in., and 3 ft. 4 in., and the altitude is 1 ft. 2 in. Find the area.

5. The area of a trapezoid is 736 sq. in. and its bases are 3 ft. and 4 ft. 8 in. Find the altitude.

6. The area of a certain triangle whose base is 40 rd. is 3.2 A. Find the area of a similar triangle whose base is 10 rd. Find the altitudes of these triangles.

7. The base of a certain triangle is 20 cm. Find the base of a similar triangle four times as large; of one five times as large; twice as large; half as large; one ninth as large.

8. The altitude of a certain triangle is 12 and its area is 100. Find the altitude of a similar triangle three times as large. Find the base of a similar triangle seven times as large. Find the altitude and the base of a similar triangle one third as large.

9. The area of a polygon is 216 sq. m. and its shortest side is 8 m. Find the area of a similar polygon whose shortest side is 10 m. Find the shortest side of a similar polygon four times as large; one tenth as large.

10. If the longest side of a polygon whose area is 567 is 14, what is the area of a similar polygon whose longest side is 12? of another whose longest side is 21?

11. Find the area of an equilateral triangle whose sides are each 6 in.; of another whose sides are each  $10\sqrt{3}$  ft.

12. Find the area of an equilateral triangle whose altitude is 4 in.; of another whose altitude is 18 dm.

13. The area of an equilateral triangle is  $64\sqrt{3}$ . Find its side and its altitude.

14. The area of an equilateral triangle is 90 sq. m. Find its altitude.

15. Find the side of an equilateral triangle whose area is equal to a square whose side is 15 ft.

16. The equal sides of an isosceles triangle are each 17 in. and the base is 16 in. Find the area.

17. Find the area of an isosceles right triangle whose hypotenuse is 2 ft. 6 in.

18. Find the area of a square whose diagonal is 20 m.

19. There are two equilateral triangles whose sides are 33 and 56 respectively. Find the side of the equilateral triangle equal to their sum. Find the side of the equilateral triangle equal to their difference.

20. There are two similar polygons two of whose homologous sides are 24 and 70. Find the side of a third similar polygon equal to their sum; the side of a similar polygon equal to their difference.

21. What is the area of the right triangle whose hypotenuse is 29 cm. and whose short leg is 20 cm.?

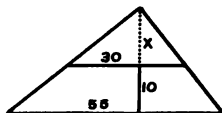
22. The base of a triangle is three times the base of a triangle equal in area. What is the ratio of their altitudes?

23. The bases of a trapezoid are 56 ft. and 44 ft. and the non-parallel sides are each 10 ft. Find its area. Also find the diagonal of a square of equal area.

24. The base of a triangle is 80 m., and its altitude is 8 m. Find the area of the triangle cut off by a line parallel to the base and at a distance of 3 m. from it. Find the area of another triangle, cut off by a line parallel to the base and 6 m. from it.

25. The bases of a trapezoid are 30 and 55, and its altitude is 10. If the non-parallel sides are produced till they meet, find the area of the less triangle formed.

[The  $\Delta$  are similar.  $\therefore 30:55 = x:x+10$ . Etc.]



26. The diagonals of a rhombus are 2 ft. and 70 in. Find the area; the perimeter; the altitude.

27. The altitude ( $h$ ) of a triangle is increased by  $n$  and the base ( $b$ ) is diminished by  $x$  so that the area remains unchanged. Find  $x$ .

28. The projections of the legs of a right triangle upon the hypotenuse are 8 and 18. Find the area of the triangle.

29. In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AB$  is 5,  $BC$  is 8, and  $AB$  is produced to  $P$ , making  $BP=6$ .  $BC$  is produced (through  $B$ ) to  $Q$  and  $PQ$  is drawn so that triangle  $BPQ$  is equal in area to triangle  $ABC$ . Find the length of  $BQ$ .

30. The angle  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  is right;  $AC = 5$ ;  $BC = 12$ .  $BA$  is produced through  $A$ , to  $D$  making  $AD = 4$ ;  $CA$  is produced through  $A$ , to  $E$  so that triangle  $AED$  is equal in area to triangle  $ABC$ . Find  $AE$ .

31. Find the area of a square inscribed in a circle whose radius is 6.

32. Find the side of an equilateral triangle whose area is  $25\sqrt{3}$ .

33. Two sides of a triangle are 12 and 18. What is the ratio of the two triangles formed by the bisector of the angle between these sides?

34. The perimeter of a rectangle is 28 m. and one side is 5 m. Find the area.

35. The perimeter of a polygon is 5 ft. and the radius of the inscribed circle is 5 in. Find the area of the polygon.

In the following triangles, find the area, the three altitudes, the radius of the inscribed circle, the radius of circumscribed circle:

36.  $a = 13$ ,  $b = 14$ ,  $c = 15$ .

38. 20, 37, 51.

37.  $a = 15$ ,  $b = 41$ ,  $c = 52$ .

39. 140, 143, 157.

40. The sides of a triangle are 15, 41, 52. Find the areas of the two triangles into which this triangle is divided by the bisector of the largest angle.

41. Find the area of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  if  $AB = 78$  m.,  $BC = 104$  m.,  $CD = 50$  m.,  $AD = 120$  m., and  $AC = 130$  m.

42. One diagonal of a rhombus is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the other and the difference of the diagonals is 14. Find the area and the perimeter of the rhombus.

43. A trapezoid is composed of a rhombus and an equilateral triangle. Each side of each figure is 16 inches. Find the area of the trapezoid.

44. Find the side of an equilateral triangle equal in area to the square whose diagonal is  $15\sqrt{2}$ .

45. Which of the figures in Ex. 44 has the smaller perimeter?

46. In a triangle whose base is 20 and whose altitude is 12, a line is drawn parallel to the base, bisecting the area of the triangle. Find the distance from the base to this parallel.

47. Two lines are drawn parallel to the base of a triangle whose base is 30 and altitude 18. These lines divide the area of the triangle into three equal parts. Find their distances from the vertex.

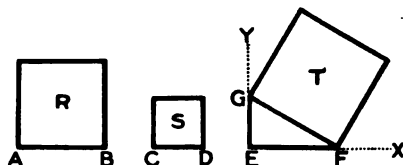
48. Around a rectangular lawn 30 yards  $\times$  20 yards is a drive 16 feet wide. How many square yards are there in the drive?



## CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS

## PROPOSITION XVII. PROBLEM

388. To construct a square equal to the sum of two squares.



**Given:** (?). **Required:** (?). **Construction:** Construct a rt.  $\angle E$ , with sides  $EX$  and  $EY$ . On  $EX$  take  $EF =$  to  $AB$ ; on  $EY$  take  $EG =$  to  $CD$ . Draw  $FG$ . On  $FG$  construct square  $T$ .

**Statement:**  $T = R + S$ . Q.E.F.

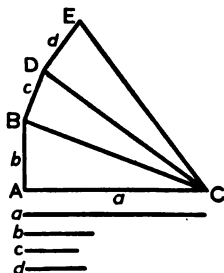
**Proof:**  $T = R + S$  (377). Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XVIII. PROBLEM

389. To construct a square equal to the sum of several squares.

**Given:** Squares whose sides are  $a, b, c, d$ .

**Required:** To construct a square  $=$  to  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$ .



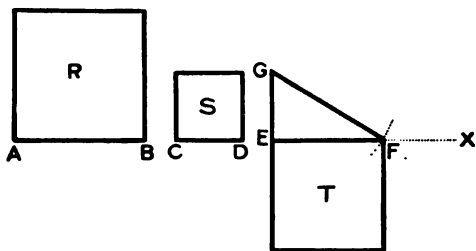
**Construction:** Construct a rt.  $\angle$  whose sides are equal to  $a$  and  $b$ . Draw hypotenuse  $BC$ . At  $B$  erect a  $\perp =$  to  $c$  and draw hypotenuse  $DC$ . At  $D$  erect a  $\perp =$  to  $d$ , etc.

**Statement:** The square constructed on  $EC =$  the sum of the several given squares. Q.E.F.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{EC}^2 &= \overline{DC}^2 + d^2 & (334). \\
 &= \overline{BC}^2 + c^2 + d^2 & (?). \\
 &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 & (?). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}
 \end{aligned}$$

## PROPOSITION XIX. PROBLEM

**390. To construct a square equal to the difference of two given squares.**



**Given:** (?). **Required:** (?).

**Construction:** At one end of indefinite line,  $EX$ , erect  $EG \perp$  to  $EX$  and  $=$  to  $CD$  (a side of the **smaller** square,  $S$ ). Using  $G$  as center and  $AB$  as radius, describe arc intersecting  $EX$  at  $F$ . Draw  $GF$ . On  $EF$  construct square  $T$ .

**Statement:**  $T = R - S$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:** (?).

**391. To construct a polygon similar to two given similar polygons and equal to their sum.**

**Construction:** Like 388. **Proof:** (379).

**392. To construct a polygon similar to two given similar polygons and equal to their difference.**

**Construction:** Like 390. **Proof:** (380).

**Ex. 1.** Construct a right triangle whose area shall equal the area of a given square.

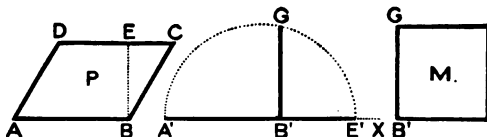
**Ex. 2.** Construct an isosceles triangle whose area shall equal the area of a given square.

**Ex. 3.** Construct an isosceles triangle equal in area to a given right triangle.

**Ex. 4.** Construct an isosceles triangle equal in area to any given triangle.

## PROPOSITION XX. PROBLEM

393. To construct a square equal in area to a given parallelogram.



**Given:** (?). **Required:** (?) **Construction:** Construct a mean proportional between the base,  $AB$ , and the altitude,  $BE$ ; on this mean proportional,  $B'G$ , construct a square,  $M$ .

**Statement:** Square  $M$  = parallelogram  $P$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $AB : B'G = B'G : BE$  (Const.).

$$\therefore \overline{B'G}^2 = AB \cdot BE \quad (280).$$

But  $\overline{B'G}^2 = \text{square } M$  (358).

And  $AB \cdot BE = \square P$  (359).

$$\therefore \text{square } M = \square P \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q.E.D.

394. To construct a square equal in area to a given triangle:

Construct a mean proportional between half the base and the altitude, and proceed as in 393.

**Ex. 1.** Construct a square equal in area to a given right triangle.

**Ex. 2.** Construct a square equal in area to the sum of any two triangles; equal to their difference.

**Ex. 3.** Construct a square equal in area to the sum of two parallelograms; equal to their difference.

**Ex. 4.** Construct a right triangle equal in area to a given parallelogram, and with the same base.

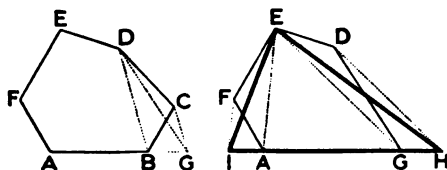
**Ex. 5.** Construct an isosceles triangle equal in area to a given parallelogram, and with the same base.

**Ex. 6.** Construct on the same base as a square, an isosceles triangle equal in area to the square.

**Ex. 7.** Construct a right triangle equal in area to the sum of two given squares.

## PROPOSITION XXI. PROBLEM

395. To construct a triangle equal to a given polygon.



**Given:** Polygon  $AD$ . **Required:** To construct a  $\Delta =$  to  $AD$ .

**Construction:** Draw a diagonal,  $BD$ , connecting any vertex ( $B$ ) to the next but one ( $D$ ). From the vertex between these ( $C$ ), draw  $CG \parallel$  to  $BD$ , meeting  $AB$  prolonged, at  $G$ . Draw  $DG$ . Repeat (2d figure) by drawing  $EG$  and  $DH \parallel$  to  $EG$ , then  $EH$ . Repeat again by drawing  $AE$ ,  $FI \parallel$  to  $AE$ , then  $EI$ .

**Statement:**  $\Delta IHE =$  polygon  $ABCDEF$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:** In first figure,  $\Delta BGD = \Delta BCD$  (367).

Add  $\frac{\text{polygon } ABDEF = \text{polygon } ABDEF}{\therefore \text{pentagon } AGDEF = \text{polygon } ABCDEF}$  (Ax. 2).

Also, in second figure,  $\Delta GHE = \Delta GDE$  (367).

Add  $\frac{\text{polygon } AGEF = \text{polygon } AGEF}{\therefore \text{quadrilateral } AHEF = \text{pentagon } AGDEF}$  (Ax. 2).

Again,  $\Delta AIE = \Delta AFE$  (367).

Add  $\frac{\Delta AHE = \Delta AHE}{\therefore \Delta IHE = \text{quad. } AHEF}$  (Ax. 2).

Hence  $\Delta IHE = \text{polygon } ABCDEF$  (Ax. 1).

Q.E.D.

396. To construct a square equal to a given polygon.

First, construct a  $\Delta =$  to the polygon (by 395).

Second, construct a square  $=$  to the  $\Delta$  (by 394).

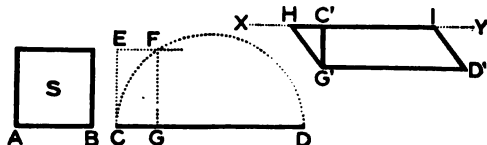
**Ex. 1.** Tell how to construct, by two methods, a square equal to a parallelogram.

**Ex. 2.** How can rectilinear figures be added into a single figure?

## PROPOSITION XXII. PROBLEM

397. To construct a parallelogram (or a rectangle) equal to a given square, and having :

- I. The sum of its base and altitude equal to a given line.
- II. The difference of its base and altitude equal to a given line.



I. Given: Square  $s$  and line  $CD$ .

Required: To construct a  $\square = s$ ; base + altitude =  $CD$ .

**Construction:** On  $CD$  as a diameter describe a semicircle. At  $C$  erect  $CE \perp$  to  $CD$  and = to  $AB$ . Through  $E$  draw  $EF \parallel$  to  $CD$ , meeting the circumference at  $F$ . Draw  $FG \perp$  to  $CD$ . Take  $G'D' =$  to  $GD$  and draw  $XY \parallel$  to  $G'D'$  at the distance from it = to  $CG$ . On  $XY$  take  $HI = GD$ . Draw  $HG'$  and  $ID'$ .

**Statement:**  $\square G'D'IH = s$ , and base + alt. =  $CD$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $\square G'D'IH$  is a  $\square$  (129).

Also  $GD \cdot GC = FG^2$  (332).

But  $GD \cdot GC = \square G'D'IH$  (359).

And  $FG^2 = EC^2 = AB^2 = \text{square } s$  (124, 358).

Substituting,  $\square G'D'IH = \text{square } s$  (Ax. 6).

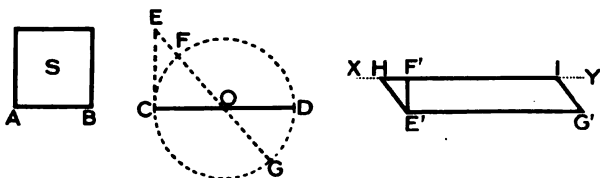
Also  $G'D' + G'C' = CD$  (Ax. 4). Q.E.D.

**Historical Note.** The following extract from Nicolay and Hay's *Life of Abraham Lincoln* should be of interest to the student:

"His wider knowledge of men and things had shown him a certain lack in himself of the power of close and sustained reasoning. To remedy this defect, he applied himself, after his return from Congress, to such works upon logic and mathematics as he fancied would be serviceable. Devoting himself with dogged energy to the task in hand, he soon learned by heart six books of the propositions of Euclid, and he retained through life an intimate knowledge of the principles they contain."

**II. Given:** Square  $s$  and line  $CD$ .

**Required:** To construct a  $\square =$  to  $s$ ; base—altitude= $CD$ .



**Construction:** On  $CD$  as diameter, describe a  $\odot$ ,  $o$ . At  $C$  erect  $CE \perp$  to  $CD$  and  $=$  to  $AB$ . Draw  $EFOG$  meeting  $\odot$  at  $F$  and  $G$ . Take  $E'G' =$  to  $EG$  and draw  $XY \parallel$  to  $E'G'$  at a distance from it  $=$  to  $EF$ . On  $XY$  take  $HI =$  to  $EG$ . Draw  $HE'$  and  $IG'$ .

**Statement:**  $\square E'G'IH = s$ , and base—alt.  $= CD$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $E'G'IH$  is a  $\square$  (129).

$EC$  is tangent to  $\odot O$  (202).

$\therefore EG \cdot EF = EC^2$  (324).

But  $EG \cdot EF = \square E'G'IH$  (359).

And  $EC^2 = AB^2 = \text{square } s$  (358).

$\therefore \square E'G'IH = \text{square } s$  (Ax. 6).

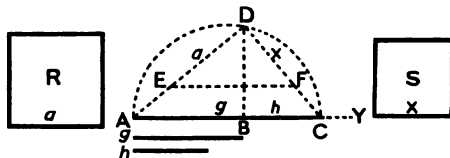
Also  $E'G' - E'F' = FG = CD$  (190). Q.E.D.

**398. To find two lines whose product is given:**

- I. If their sum is also given.  
 II. If their difference is also given. } [The same as 397.]

### PROPOSITION XXIII. PROBLEM

**399. To construct a square having a given ratio to a given square.**



**Given:** Square  $R$ , and lines  $g$  and  $h$ .

**Required:** To construct a square such that it (the unknown square): square  $R = h : g$ .

**Construction:** On an indefinite line  $AY$  take  $AB =$  to  $g$ , and  $BC =$  to  $h$ . On  $AC$  as diameter describe a semicircle. At  $B$  erect  $BD \perp$  to  $AC$ , meeting arc at  $D$ . Draw  $AD$  and  $CD$ . On  $AD$  take  $DE =$  to  $a$ , and draw  $EF \parallel$  to  $AC$ , meeting  $DC$  at  $F$ . Using  $DF = x$ , as a side, construct square  $S$ .

**Statement:**  $s : R = h : g$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:**  $\angle ADC$  is a rt.  $\angle$  (240).

$$\therefore \frac{\overline{CD}^2}{\overline{AD}^2} = \frac{h}{g} \quad (381).$$

But  $\frac{x}{a} = \frac{CD}{AD}$  (294).

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{a^2} = \frac{\overline{CD}^2}{\overline{AD}^2} \quad (287).$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{a^2} = \frac{h}{g} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

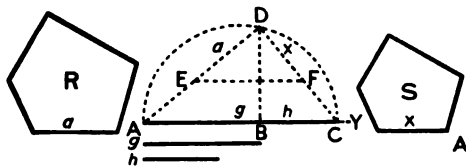
But  $x^2 =$  square  $s$ , and  $a^2 =$  square  $R$  (358).

Substituting, square  $s : \text{square } R = h : g$  (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

#### PROPOSITION XXIV. PROBLEM.

**400.** To construct a polygon similar to a given polygon and having a given ratio to it.

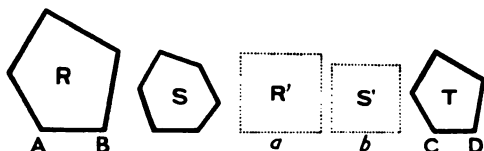


**Given:** (?). **Required:** (?). **Construction and Statement** are the same as for Proposition XXIII.

**Proof:** Very much like the proof of Proposition XXIII.

## PROPOSITION XXV. PROBLEM

401. To construct a polygon similar to one given polygon and equal in area to another.



**Given:** Polygons  $R$  and  $S$ . **Required:** (?).

**Construction:** Construct squares  $R' = R$ , and  $S' = S$  (by 396). Find a fourth proportional to  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $AB$ . This is  $CD$ . Upon  $CD$ , homologous to  $AB$ , construct  $T$  similar to  $R$ .

**Statement:**  $T = S$ . Q.E.F.

**Proof:** 
$$\frac{R}{T} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{CD}^2} \quad (376).$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{AB}{CD} \quad (\text{Const.})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^2}{b^2} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{CD}^2} \quad (287).$$

$$\therefore \frac{R}{T} = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Now  $a^2 = R' = R$ ;  $a^2 = S' = S$  (358 & Const.).

Substituting, 
$$\frac{R}{T} = \frac{R}{S} \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

$$\therefore T = S \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$
  
Q.E.D.

**NOTE.** By means of this proposition we are able to maintain the size of a rectilinear figure, but change its shape to any desired form. Thus we can construct an equilateral triangle equal to a given square. The pupil will explain.



## ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTIONS

It is required :

1. To construct a right triangle equal to a given parallelogram.
2. To construct a square equal to the sum of two given parallelograms.
3. To construct a square equal to the difference of two given parallelograms.
4. To construct a square equal to the sum of several given right triangles.
5. To construct a square equal to the sum of several given parallelograms.
6. To construct a square equal to the sum of several given triangles.
7. To construct a square equal to the sum of several given polygons.
8. To construct a square equal to the difference of two given polygons.
9. To construct a square equal to three times a given square; seven times a given square.
10. To construct a right triangle equal to the sum of several given triangles.
11. To construct a right triangle equal to the difference of any two given triangles; of any two given parallelograms.
12. To construct a square equal to a given trapezoid; equal to a given trapezium.
13. To construct a square equal to a given hexagon.
14. To construct a rectangle equal to a given triangle, having given its perimeter.
15. To construct an isosceles right triangle equal to a given triangle.
16. To construct a square equal to a given rhombus.
17. To construct a rectangle equal to a given trapezium, and having its perimeter given.
18. To find a line whose length shall be  $\sqrt{2}$  units. [See 388.]
19. To find a line whose length shall be  $\sqrt{3}$  units.
20. To find a line whose length shall be  $\sqrt{11}$  units.
21. To find a line whose length shall be  $\sqrt{7}$  units.
22. To find a line whose length shall be  $\sqrt{30}$  units.

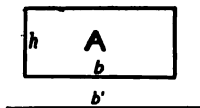
23. To construct a square which shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a given square.
24. To construct a square which shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a given square.
25. To construct a polygon which shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a given polygon, and similar to it.
26. To construct a square which shall have to a given square the ratio  $\sqrt{3}:4$ ; the ratio  $4:\sqrt{3}$ .
27. To draw through a given point, within a parallelogram, a line which shall bisect the parallelogram.
28. To construct a rectangle equal to a given trapezoid, having given the difference of its base and altitude.
29. To construct a triangle similar to two given similar triangles and equal to their sum.
30. To construct a triangle similar to a given triangle and equal to a given square. [See 401.]
31. To construct a triangle similar to a given triangle and equal to a given parallelogram.
32. To construct a square having twice the area of a given square. [Two methods.]
33. To construct a square having  $3\frac{1}{2}$  times the area of a given square.
34. To construct an isosceles triangle equal to a given triangle and upon the same base.
35. To construct a triangle equal to a given triangle, having the same base, and also having a given angle adjoining this base.
36. To construct a parallelogram equal to a given parallelogram having the same base and also having a given angle adjoining the base.
37. To draw a line that shall be perpendicular to the bases of a parallelogram and that shall bisect the parallelogram.
38. To construct an equilateral triangle equal to a given triangle. [See 401.]
39. To trisect (divide into three equal parts) the area of a triangle, by lines drawn from one vertex.
40. To construct a square equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a given pentagon.
41. To construct an isosceles trapezoid equal to a given trapezoid.
42. To construct an equilateral triangle equal to the sum of two given equilateral triangles.

43. To construct an equilateral triangle equal to the difference of two given equilateral triangles.

44. To construct upon a given base a rectangle that shall be equal to a given rectangle.

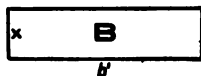
**Analysis:** Let us call the unknown altitude  $x$ . Then  $b \cdot h = b' \cdot x$  (?). Hence,  $b' : b = h : x$  (?).

That is, the *unknown altitude* is a fourth proportional to *the given base, the base of the given rectangle, and the altitude of the given rectangle.*



**Construction:** Find a fourth proportional,  $x$ , to  $b'$ ,  $b$  and  $h$ . Construct a rectangle having base  $= b'$  and alt.  $= x$ .

**Statement:** This rectangle,  $B = A$ .



**Proof:**  $b' : b = h : x$  (Const.).  $\therefore b'x = bh$  (?). But  $b'x =$  the area of  $B$  (?), etc.

45. To construct a rectangle that shall have a given altitude and be equal to a given rectangle.

46. To construct a triangle upon a given base that shall be equal to a given triangle.

47. To construct a triangle that shall have a given altitude and be equal to a given triangle.

48. To construct a rectangle that shall have a given base, and shall be equal to a given triangle.

49. To construct a triangle that shall have a given base, and be equal to a given rectangle.

50. To construct a triangle that shall have a given base, and be equal to a given polygon.

51. To construct the problems 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, substituting "parallelogram" in each case for the figure to be constructed.

52. To construct upon a given hypotenuse, a right triangle equal to a given triangle.

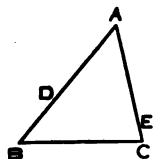
53. To construct upon a given hypotenuse, a right triangle equal to a given square.

54. To construct (a) a triangle which shall have a given base, a given adjoining angle, and be equal to a given triangle; (b) a triangle equal to a given square; (c) a triangle equal to a given polygon.

55. To construct (a) a parallelogram which shall have a given base, a given adjoining angle, and be equal to a given parallelogram; (b) a parallelogram equal to a given triangle; (c) a parallelogram equal to a given polygon.

**56.** To construct a line,  $DE$ , from  $D$ , a given point in  $AB$  of triangle  $ABC$ , so that  $DE$  bisects the triangle.

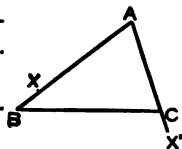
**Analysis:** After  $DE$  is drawn,  $\triangle ABC = 2 \triangle ADE$  (Hyp.). But  $\triangle ABC : \triangle ADE = AB \cdot AC : AD \cdot AE$  (?). Hence,  $AB \cdot AC = 2 (AD \cdot AE)$  (Ax. 6).  
 $\therefore 2 AD : AB = AC : x$  (?). Thus  $x$  (that is,  $AE$ ) is a fourth proportional to three given lines.



**57.** To draw a line meeting two sides of a triangle and forming an isosceles triangle equal to the given triangle.

**Analysis:** Suppose  $AX$  is a leg of the required isosceles  $\triangle$ .  $\therefore \triangle ABC : \triangle AXX' = AB \cdot AC : AX \cdot AX'$ . But the  $\triangle$  are equal and  $AX = AX'$  (Hyp.).

Hence,  $AB \cdot AC = \overline{AX}^2$ .  $\therefore AX$  is a mean proportional between  $AB$  and  $AC$ .



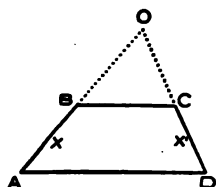
**58.** To draw a line parallel to the base of a triangle which shall bisect the triangle.

**59.** To draw a line meeting two sides of a triangle forming an isosceles triangle equal to half the given triangle.

**60.** To draw a line parallel to the base of a triangle forming a triangle equal to one third of the original triangle.

**61.** To draw a line parallel to the base of a trapezoid so that the area is bisected.

**Analysis:**  $\triangle OXX' = \frac{1}{2} (\triangle OAD + \triangle OBC)$  and is similar to  $\triangle OBC$ .



**62.** To construct two lines parallel to the base of a triangle, that shall trisect the area of the triangle.

**63.** To construct a triangle, having given its angles and its area.

**Analysis:** The required  $\triangle$  is similar to any  $\triangle$  containing the given  $\triangle$ . The given area may be a square. This reduces the problem to 401.

**64.** To find two straight lines in the ratio of two given polygons.

## BOOK V

### REGULAR POLYGONS. CIRCLES

#### THEOREMS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

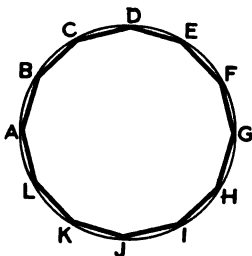
**402.** A regular polygon is a polygon which is equilateral and equiangular.

#### PROPOSITION I. THEOREM

**403.** An equilateral polygon inscribed in a circle is regular.

**Given:**  $AG$ , an equilateral inscribed polygon.

**To Prove:**  $AG$  is regular.



**Proof:** chord  $AB =$  chord  $BC =$  chord  $CD =$  etc. (Hyp.).

$\therefore$  arc  $AB =$  arc  $BC =$  arc  $CD =$  etc. (196).

$\therefore$  arc  $AC =$  arc  $BD =$  arc  $CE =$  etc. (Ax. 3).

$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle BCD = \angle CDE =$  etc. (239).

That is, the polygon is equiangular.

$\therefore$  the polygon is regular (402). Q. E. D.

**404. COROLLARY.** If the circumference of a circle is divided into any number of equal arcs, and the chords of these arcs are drawn, they form an inscribed polygon.

**Given:** Arc  $AB =$  arc  $BC =$  arc  $CD =$  etc. and chords  $AB$ , etc.

**To Prove:** Polygon  $AG$  is a regular polygon.

**Proof:** Chords  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , etc. are all equal. (197).

$\therefore$  the polygon is regular (403). Q. E. D.

**405. COROLLARY.** If chords are drawn joining the alternate vertices of an inscribed regular polygon (having an even number of sides), another inscribed regular polygon is formed.

## PROPOSITION II. THEOREM

406. If the circumference of a circle is divided into any number of equal parts, and tangents are drawn, at the several points of division, they form a circumscribed regular polygon.

**Given:** Arcs  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , etc. all equal; and  $GH$ ,  $HI$ ,  $IJ$ , etc. tangents at  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , etc.

**To Prove:** Polygon  $HK$  is regular.

**Proof:** Draw chords  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , etc.

In  $\triangle ABH$ ,  $BCI$ ,  $CDJ$ , etc.  $AB = BC = CD$ , etc. (197).

$\angle HAB = \angle HBA = \angle IBC = \angle ICB = \angle JCD$ , etc. (237).

$\therefore$  these  $\triangle$  are congruent and isosceles (76; 114).

$\therefore \angle H = \angle I = \angle J =$  etc. (27).

That is, polygon  $HK$  is equiangular.

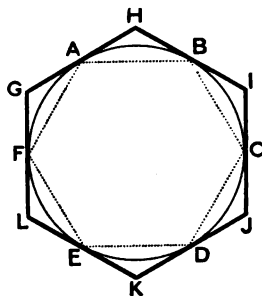
Also  $AH = HB = BI = IC = CJ$ , etc. (24 or 206; 27).

$\therefore HI = IJ = JK =$  etc. (Ax. 3).

That is, polygon  $HK$  is equilateral.

$\therefore$  polygon  $HK$  is regular (402).

Q.E.D.



407. COROLLARY. If the circumference of a circle is divided into any number of equal parts and tangents are drawn at their midpoints, they form a circumscribed regular polygon.

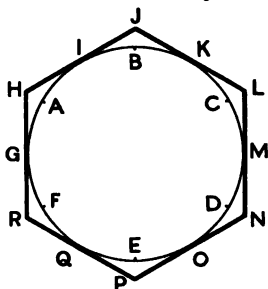
**Given:** (?) **To Prove:** (?).

**Proof:** Arcs  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , etc. are all equal (Hyp.).

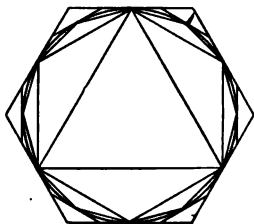
Also arcs  $AI$ ,  $IB$ ,  $BK$ ,  $KC$ ,  $CM$ , etc. are all equal (Ax. 3).

$\therefore$  arcs  $IK$ ,  $KM$ ,  $MO$ , etc. are all equal (Ax. 3).

Therefore the polygon is regular (406). Q.E.D.



**408. COROLLARY.** If the vertices of an inscribed regular polygon are joined to the midpoints of the arcs subtended by the sides, another inscribed regular polygon is formed (having double the number of sides).



**409. COROLLARY.** If tangents are drawn at the midpoints of the arcs between adjacent points of contact of the sides of a circumscribed regular polygon, another circumscribed regular polygon is formed having double the number of sides. (?).

**410. COROLLARY.** The perimeter of an inscribed regular polygon is less than the perimeter of an inscribed regular polygon having twice as many sides, and the perimeter of a circumscribed regular polygon is greater than the perimeter of a circumscribed regular polygon having twice as many sides.

(Ax. 12.)

**Ex. 1.** If in a regular dodecagon (Fig. of 403) all the diagonals are drawn from vertex  $A$ , how many degrees are there between adjacent pairs of diagonals, at  $A$ ?

**Ex. 2.** In the figure of 406, how many degrees are there in each of the three angles at  $A$ ? Prove in three ways that there are  $120^\circ$  in  $\angle G$ . If radii were drawn to the vertices of the inscribed polygon, what kind of triangles would be formed?

**Ex. 3.** Write a formula for finding the number of degrees in each angle of a regular polygon.

**Ex. 4.** Are the following figures regular polygons: a square? an isosceles triangle? a rectangle? a rhombus? an equilateral triangle?

**Ex. 5.** In the figure of 406, prove that a line from the center of the circle  $OI$  is the perpendicular bisector of chord  $BC$ . Then prove triangles  $OBI$  and  $OBM$  similar ( $M$  being midpoint of  $BC$ ). Hence prove  $OI : OB = OB : OM$ .

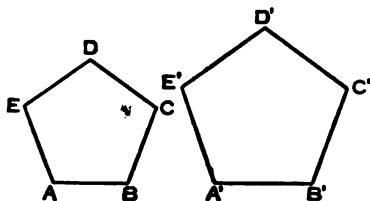
**Ex. 6.** Can you explain how to divide a circle into three equal parts? into four equal parts?

## PROPOSITION III. THEOREM

**411. Two regular polygons having the same number of sides are similar.**

**Given:** Regular  $n$ -gons  $AD$  and  $A'D'$ .

**To Prove:** They are similar.



**Proof:**  $\angle A = \frac{(n-2)180^\circ}{n}$  (155).

$\angle A' = \frac{(n-2)180^\circ}{n}$  (?).

$\therefore \angle A = \angle A'$  (Ax. 1).

Similarly,  $\angle B = \angle B'$ ,  $\angle C = \angle C'$ , etc.

That is, these polygons are mutually equiangular.

Now  $AB = BC = CD = \text{etc.}$ ;  $A'B' = B'C' = C'D' = \text{etc.}$  (402).

$\therefore AB : A'B' = BC : B'C' = CD : C'D' = \text{etc.}$  (Ax. 3).

That is, the homologous sides are proportional.

Therefore the polygons are similar (301).

Q.E.D.

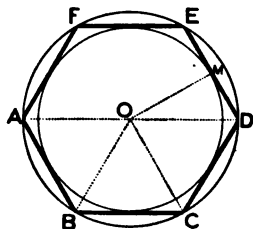
## PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM

**412. A circle can be circumscribed about, and a circle can be inscribed in, any regular polygon.**

**Given:** Regular polygon  $ABCDEF$ .

**To Prove:** I. A circle can be circumscribed about the polygon.

II. A circle can be inscribed in the polygon.





**Proof:** I. Through three consecutive vertices,  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , describe a circumference, whose center is  $O$ . Draw radii  $OA$ ,  $OB$ ,  $OC$ , and draw line  $OD$ .

$$\text{In } \triangle AOB \text{ and } COD, \quad AB = CD \quad (402),$$

$$BO = CO \quad (187).$$

$$\text{Also} \quad \angle ABC = \angle BCD \quad (402),$$

$$\angle OBC = \angle OCB \quad (55).$$

$$\text{Subtracting,} \quad \angle ABO = \angle OCD \quad (\text{Ax. 2}).$$

$$\therefore \triangle AOB \text{ is congruent to } \triangle COD \quad (52).$$

$$\therefore AO = OD \quad (27).$$

Hence the arc passes through  $D$ , and in like manner it may be proved that it passes through  $E$  and  $F$ .

That is, a circle can be circumscribed about the polygon.

$$\text{II. } AB, BC, CD, DE, \text{ etc. are equal chords} \quad (402).$$

$$\therefore \text{ they are equally distant from the center} \quad (208).$$

That is, a circle described, using  $O$  as a center and  $OM$  as a radius, will touch every side of the polygon. (202).

$$\text{Hence a circle can be inscribed} \quad (221). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**413.** The **radius** of a regular polygon is the radius of the circumscribed circle. The radius of the inscribed circle is called the **apothem**. The **center** of a regular polygon is the common center of the circumscribed and inscribed circles.

**414.** The **central angle** of a regular polygon is the angle included between two radii drawn to the ends of a side.

$$\text{415. THEOREM. Each central angle of a regular } n\text{-gon} = \frac{360^\circ}{n}.$$

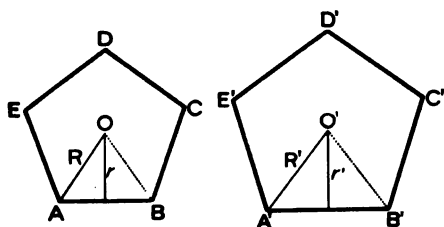
$$\text{416. COROLLARY. Each exterior angle of a regular } n\text{-gon} = \frac{360^\circ}{n}.$$

**417. COROLLARY.** The radius drawn to any vertex of a regular polygon bisects the angle at the vertex (95).

**418. COROLLARY.** The central angles of regular polygons having the same number of sides are equal.

## PROPOSITION V. THEOREM

419. The perimeters of two regular polygons having the same number of sides are to each other as their radii and also as their apothems.



**Given:** Regular  $n$ -gons,  $EC$ , with perimeter  $P$ , radius  $R$ , apothem  $r$ ; and  $E'C'$  with perimeter  $P'$ , radius  $R'$ , apothem  $r'$ .

**To Prove:**  $P : P' = R : R' = r : r'$ .

**Proof:** Draw radii  $OB$  and  $O'B'$ .

In  $\triangle AOB$  and  $A'O'B'$ ,  $\angle AOB = \angle A'O'B'$  (418).

$$AO = BO \quad (187).$$

$$A'O' = B'O' \quad (?).$$

$$\therefore \frac{AO}{A'O'} = \frac{BO}{B'O'} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

$$\therefore \triangle AOB \text{ is similar to } \triangle A'O'B' \quad (306).$$

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{A'B'} = \frac{R}{R'} = \frac{r}{r'} \quad (313).$$

But these polygons are similar (411).

$$\therefore \frac{P}{P'} = \frac{AB}{A'B'} \quad (317).$$

$$\therefore \frac{P}{P'} = \frac{R}{R'} = \frac{r}{r'} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

Q. E. D.

## PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM

420. The areas of two regular polygons having the same number of sides are to each other as the squares of their radii and also as the squares of their apothems.

Given: Regular  $n$ -gons,  $EC$  whose area is  $K$ , radius  $R$ , apothem  $r$ ; and  $E'C'$  whose area is  $K'$ , radius  $R'$ , apothem  $r'$ .

To Prove:  $K : K' = R^2 : R'^2 = r^2 : r'^2$ .

Proof: As in 419,  $\frac{AB}{A'B'} = \frac{R}{R'} = \frac{r}{r'}$ .

Then  $\frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{A'B'}^2} = \frac{R^2}{R'^2} = \frac{r^2}{r'^2}$  (287).

But these polygons are similar (411).

$\therefore \frac{K}{K'} = \frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{A'B'}^2}$  (376).

$\therefore \frac{K}{K'} = \frac{R^2}{R'^2} = \frac{r^2}{r'^2}$  (Ax. 1).

Q. E. D.

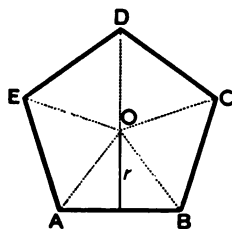
## PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM

421. The area of a regular polygon is equal to half the product of the perimeter by the apothem.

Given: (?).

To Prove: (?).

Proof: Draw radii to all the vertices, forming several isosceles triangles.



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle AOB &= \frac{1}{2} AB \cdot r \\ \text{Area of } \triangle BOC &= \frac{1}{2} BC \cdot r \\ \text{Area of } \triangle COD &= \frac{1}{2} CD \cdot r \\ &\text{etc., etc.} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (364).$$

Area of polygon  $= \frac{1}{2} (AB + BC + CD + \text{etc.}) \cdot r$  (Ax. 2).

Substituting, area  $= \frac{1}{2} P \cdot r$  (Ax. 6).

Q. E. D.

## PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM

**422.** If the number of sides of an inscribed regular polygon is increased indefinitely, the apothem approaches the radius as a limit.

**Given:** Polygon  $FC$  inscribed in  $\odot O$ ;  
apothem  $= r$ ; radius  $= R$ .

**To Prove:** That as the number of sides is indefinitely increased,  $r$  approaches  $R$  as a limit.

**Proof:** In the  $\triangle AOK$ ,

$$R < r + AK \quad (\text{Ax. 12}).$$

$$\text{Or} \quad R - r < AK \quad (\text{Ax. 7}).$$

Now, as the number of sides of the polygon is indefinitely increased,  $AB$  is indefinitely decreased.

Hence  $\frac{1}{2} AB$ , or  $AK$ , approaches zero as a limit.

$\therefore R - r$  approaches zero (because  $R - r < AK$ ).

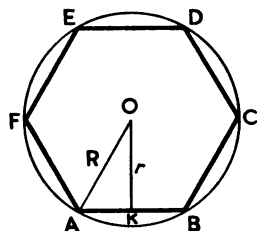
That is,  $r$  approaches  $R$  as a limit (227). Q.E.D.

**NOTE.** It is evident that if the difference between two variables approaches zero, either

- (1) one is approaching the other as a limit; or
- (2) both are approaching some third quantity as their limit.

**423. THEOREM.** The circumference of a circle is less than the perimeter of any circumscribed polygon.

By drawing tangents at the midpoints of the included arcs of a circumscribed polygon, another circumscribed polygon is formed; the perimeter of this polygon is less than the perimeter of the given polygon. This can be continued indefinitely, decreasing the perimeter of the polygons. Hence there can be no circumscribed polygon whose perimeter can be the least of all such polygons; because, by increasing the number of sides, the perimeter is lessened. Hence the circumference must be less than the perimeter of any circumscribed polygon.

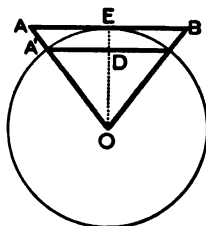


**424. THEOREM.** If the number of sides of an inscribed regular polygon and of a circumscribed regular polygon is indefinitely increased.

I. The perimeter of each polygon approaches the circumference of the circle as a limit.

II. The area of each polygon approaches the area of the circle as a limit.

**Given:** A circle  $O$ , whose circumference is  $C$  and whose area is  $S$ ;  $AB$  and  $A'B'$ , sides of regular circumscribed and inscribed polygons, having the same number of sides;  $P$  and  $P'$ , their perimeters;  $K$  and  $K'$ , their areas.



**To Prove:** That if the number of sides is indefinitely increased:

I.  $P$  approaches  $C$  and  $P'$  approaches  $C$  as limit.

II.  $K$  approaches  $S$  and  $K'$  approaches  $S$  as limit.

**Proof:** I. The polygons are similar (411).

$$\therefore \frac{P}{P'} = \frac{OE}{OD} \quad (419).$$

Now, if the number of sides of these polygons is indefinitely increased,  $OD$  approaches  $OE$  (422).

Hence  $\frac{OE}{OD}$  approaches 1. That is,  $\frac{P}{P'}$  approaches 1, or  $P$  and  $P'$  approach equality; that is, they approach the same constant as a limit.

But  $P > C$  and  $C > P'$  and  $C$  is constant.

Hence  $P$  approaches  $C$  and  $P'$  approaches  $C$ . Q.E.D.

$$\text{II.} \quad \frac{K}{K'} = \frac{\overline{OE}^2}{\overline{OD}^2} \quad (420).$$

If the number of sides of these polygons is indefinitely increased,  $\overline{OD}^2$  approaches  $\overline{OE}^2$ , and thus  $\frac{\overline{OE}^2}{\overline{OD}^2}$  approaches unity.

(The argument continues the same as in I.)

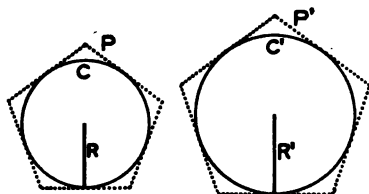
**NOTE.** The theorems of 423 and 424 are considered so evident, and rigorous proofs (as in the case of the demonstrations for many fundamental principles in mathematics) are so difficult for young students to comprehend, that it is advisable to omit the profound demonstrations and insert only simple explanations.

### PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM

**425. The circumferences of two circles are to each other as their radii.**

**Given:** Two  $\odot$  whose radii are  $R$  and  $R'$  and circumferences,  $C$  and  $C'$  respectively.

**To Prove:**  $C : C' = R : R'$ .



**Proof:** Circumscribe regular polygons (having the same number of sides) about these  $\odot$  and let  $P$  and  $P'$  denote their perimeters. Then  $P : P' = R : R'$  (419).

Hence  $P \cdot R' = P' \cdot R$  (?).

Now suppose the number of sides of these polygons to be indefinitely increased,

$P$  approaches  $C$  (424).

$P'$  approaches  $C'$  (?).

$\therefore P \cdot R'$  approaches  $C \cdot R'$ .

Also  $P' \cdot R$  approaches  $C' \cdot R$ .

Hence  $C \cdot R' = C' \cdot R$  (229).

Therefore  $C : C' = R : R'$  (281).

Q. E. D.

**426. THEOREM.** The ratio of any circumference to its diameter is constant for all circles. That is, any circumference divided by its diameter is the same as any other circumference divided by its diameter.

**Proof:**  $\frac{C}{C'} = \frac{R}{R'}$  (425).

But  $\frac{R}{R'} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} D}{\frac{1}{2} D'} = \frac{D}{D'}$  (Ax. 6).

$$\therefore \frac{C}{C'} = \frac{D}{D'} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

$$\therefore \frac{C}{D} = \frac{C'}{D'} \quad (282).$$

That is,  $\frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{diameter}} = \text{a constant for all } \odot. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$

**427. Definition of  $\pi$  (pi).** The constant ratio of a circumference to its diameter is called  $\pi$ . That is,  $\frac{C}{D} = \pi$ .

The numerical value of  $\pi$  is 3.141592, or  $3\frac{1}{7}$ , approximately. (This is computed in 453.)

**428. FORMULA.** Let  $C$  = the circumference of a circle with radius  $R$ . Then  $\frac{C}{2R} = \pi$ . (427).

$$\therefore C = 2\pi R \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

**Ex. 1.** Find the circumference of a circle the radius of which is 12 in.

**Ex. 2.** Find the radius of a circle the circumference of which is 66 feet.

**Historical Note.** Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibnitz, a German philosopher, mathematician, and man of affairs, was born in 1646 and died in 1716. He could read Latin easily at 12, and wrote some Latin verse. While at the University of Leipsic he became acquainted with Francis Bacon, Kepler, Galileo, and Descartes, modern thinkers who had revolutionized science and philosophy. He resolved to study mathematics, but not until he had reached his majority did he throw himself into deep mathematical research. It was while he was living in Paris and Mainz that he announced his imposing discoveries in natural philosophy, mathematics, mechanics, optics, hydrostatics, pneumatics, and nautical science. In mathematics, he was the discoverer of the differential and integral calculus. He possessed a marvelous ability for rapid and continuous work. Even in traveling his time was employed in solving mathematical problems. He is described as moderate in habits, quick of temper, charitable in judgment of others, tolerant of differences of opinion, but impatient of contradiction on small matters and desirous of honor.



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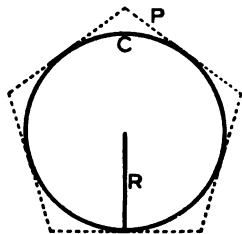
## PROPOSITION X. THEOREM

**429.** The area of a circle is equal to half the product of its circumference by its radius.

**Given:**  $\odot$  with circumference  $C$ , area  $S$ , radius  $R$ .

**To Prove:**  $S = \frac{1}{2} C \cdot R$ .

**Proof:** Circumscribe a regular polygon about the circle; denote its area by  $K$  and perimeter by  $P$ .



$$\text{Now} \quad K = \frac{1}{2} P \cdot R \quad (421).$$

Suppose the number of sides of the polygon is indefinitely increased.  $K$  approaches  $S$ , and  $P$  approaches  $C$  (424).

$\frac{1}{2} P \cdot R$  approaches  $\frac{1}{2} C \cdot R$  as a limit.

$$\text{Hence} \quad S = \frac{1}{2} C \cdot R \quad (229). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**430. FORMULA.** Let  $s$  = the area of a circle whose circumference =  $C$ , and whose radius =  $R$ .

$$\text{Then} \quad s = \frac{1}{2} C \cdot R \quad (429).$$

$$\text{But} \quad C = 2 \pi R \quad (428).$$

$$\text{Substituting,} \quad s = \pi R^2 \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

**Ex. 1.** Find the area of a circle the radius of which is 8 in.

**Ex. 2.** Find the radius of a circle the area of which is 500 sq. ft.

**431. COROLLARY.** The areas of two circles are to each other as the squares of their radii, and as the squares of their diameters.

$$\text{To Prove: } s : s' = R^2 : R'^2 = D^2 : D'^2.$$

$$\text{Proof: } s = \pi R^2, \text{ and } s' = \pi R'^2 \quad (430).$$

$$\text{Dividing,} \quad \frac{s}{s'} = \frac{\pi R^2}{\pi R'^2} = \frac{R^2}{R'^2} \quad (\text{Ax. 3}).$$

$$\text{Now} \quad \frac{s}{s'} = \frac{R^2}{R'^2} = \frac{(\frac{1}{2} D)^2}{(\frac{1}{2} D')^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} D^2}{\frac{1}{4} D'^2} = \frac{D^2}{D'^2} \quad (\text{Ax. 6}). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$



**432. COROLLARY.** The area of a sector is the same part of the circle as its central angle is of  $360^\circ$ . (Ax. 1.)

**433. FORMULA.** An arc : circum. = central  $\angle$  :  $360^\circ$  (231).

$$\therefore \text{arc} : 2\pi R = \angle : 360^\circ.$$

**NOTE.** If any two of the three quantities, arc,  $R$ ,  $\angle$ , are known, the remaining one can be found by this proportion.

**434. FORMULA.** Sector : area of  $\odot$  = central  $\angle$  :  $360^\circ$  (432).

$$\therefore \text{sector} : \pi R^2 = \angle : 360^\circ.$$

**NOTE.** If any two of the three quantities, sector,  $R$ ,  $\angle$ , are known, the remaining one can be found by this proportion.

**435. FORMULA.** Sector : area of  $\odot$  = arc : circum.

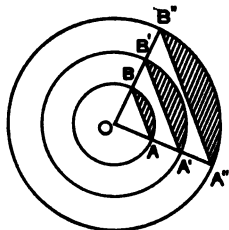
(Ax. 1).

$$\therefore \text{sector} : \pi R^2 = \text{arc} : 2\pi R \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

$$\therefore \text{sector} = \frac{1}{2} R \cdot \text{arc} \quad (280).$$

**436. Similar arcs, similar sectors, and similar segments** are those which correspond to equal central angles, in unequal circles.

Thus,  $AB$ ,  $A'B'$ ,  $A''B''$  are similar arcs ;  $\angle AOB$ ,  $\angle A'OB'$ , and  $\angle A''OB''$  are similar sectors ; and the shaded segments are similar segments.



**437. THEOREM.** Similar arcs are to each other as their radii.

**Given :** Arcs whose lengths are  $a$  and  $a'$ , radii  $R$  and  $R'$ .

**To Prove :**  $a : a' = R : R'$ .

$$\text{Proof :} \quad \frac{a}{2\pi R} = \frac{\angle}{360^\circ}, \text{ and } \frac{a'}{2\pi R'} = \frac{\angle}{360^\circ} \quad (433).$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{2\pi R} = \frac{a'}{2\pi R'} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{a'} = \frac{2\pi R}{2\pi R'} = \frac{R}{R'} \quad (282).$$

Q.E.D.

**438. THEOREM.** Similar sectors are to each other as the squares of their radii.

**Given:** Sectors whose areas are  $T$  and  $T'$ , radii  $R$  and  $R'$ .

**To Prove:**  $T : T' = R^2 : R'^2$ .

**Proof:**  $\frac{T}{\pi R^2} = \frac{\angle}{360}$ , and  $\frac{T'}{\pi R'^2} = \frac{\angle}{360}$  (434).

$$\therefore \frac{T}{\pi R^2} = \frac{T'}{\pi R'^2} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

$$\therefore \frac{T}{T'} = \frac{\pi R^2}{\pi R'^2} = \frac{R^2}{R'^2} \quad (282).$$

Q.E.D.

### PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM

**439. Similar segments are to each other as the squares of their radii.**

**Given:** Similar segments  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$ .

**To Prove:** Segment  $ABC$  : segment  $A'B'C' = R^2 : R'^2$ .

**Proof:**  $\triangle AOB$  and  $A'O'B'$  are similar

$$\therefore \frac{\triangle AOB}{\triangle A'O'B'} = \frac{R^2}{R'^2} \quad (375).$$

Also  $\frac{\text{sector } OACB}{\text{sector } O'A'C'B'} = \frac{R^2}{R'^2} \quad (438).$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{sector } OACB}{\text{sector } O'A'C'B'} = \frac{\triangle AOB}{\triangle A'O'B'} \quad (\text{Ax. 1}).$$

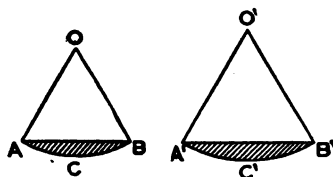
$$\therefore \frac{\text{sector } OACB}{\triangle AOB} = \frac{\text{sector } O'A'C'B'}{\triangle A'O'B'} \quad (282).$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{sector } OACB - \triangle AOB}{\triangle AOB} = \frac{\text{sector } O'A'C'B' - \triangle A'O'B'}{\triangle A'O'B'} \quad (285).$$

That is,  $\frac{\text{segment } ABC}{\triangle AOB} = \frac{\text{segment } A'B'C'}{\triangle A'O'B'} \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{segment } ABC}{\text{segment } A'B'C'} = \frac{\triangle AOB}{\triangle A'O'B'} = \frac{R^2}{R'^2} \quad (282).$$

Q.E.D.



## ORIGINAL EXERCISES (THEOREMS)

1. The central angle of a regular polygon is the supplement of the angle of the polygon.

2. An equiangular polygon inscribed in a circle is regular (if the number of its sides is odd).

3. An equiangular polygon circumscribed about a circle is regular. [Draw radii and apothems.]

4. The sides of a circumscribed regular polygon are bisected at the points of contact.

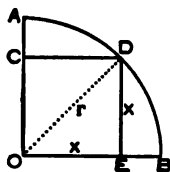
5. The diagonals of a regular pentagon are equal.

6. The diagonals drawn from any vertex of a regular  $n$ -gon divide the angle at that vertex into  $n - 2$  equal parts.

7. If a regular polygon is inscribed in a circle, and another regular polygon having the same number of sides is circumscribed about it, the radius of the circle is a mean proportional between the apothem of the inner and the radius of the outer polygon.

8. The area of the square inscribed in a sector the central angle of which is a right angle, is equal to half the square of the radius.

[Find  $x^2$ , the area of  $OEDC$ .]



9. The apothem of an equilateral triangle is one third the altitude of the triangle.

10. The chord that bisects a radius of a circle at right angles is the side of the inscribed equilateral triangle.

[Prove that the central  $\angle$  subtended is  $120^\circ$ .]

11. If  $ABCDE$  is a regular pentagon, and diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  are drawn, meeting at  $O$ :

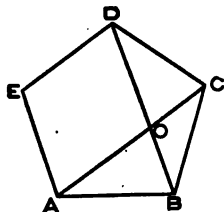
(a)  $AO = AB$ .

(b)  $AO$  is  $\parallel$  to  $ED$ .

(c)  $\triangle BOC$  is similar to  $\triangle BDC$ .

(d)  $\angle ACB = 36^\circ$ .

(e)  $AC$  is divided into mean and extreme ratio at  $O$ .



12. The altitude of an equilateral triangle is three fourths the diameter of the circumscribed circle.

13. The apothem of an inscribed regular hexagon equals half the side of an inscribed equilateral triangle.

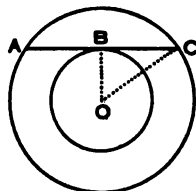
14. The area of a circle is four times the area of another circle described upon its radius as a diameter.

15. The area of an inscribed square is half the area of the circumscribed square.

16. An equilateral polygon circumscribed about a circle is regular (if the number of its sides is odd).

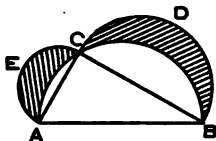
17. The sum of the circles described upon the legs of a right triangle as diameters is equal to the circle described upon the hypotenuse as a diameter.

18. A circular ring (the area between two concentric circles) is equal to the circle described upon the chord of the larger circle, which is tangent to the less, as a diameter.



**Proof:** Draw radii  $OB, OC$ .  $\triangle OBC$  is rt.  $\triangle$  (?); and  $\overline{OC}^2 - \overline{OB}^2 = \overline{BC}^2$  (?). Etc.

19. If semicircles are described upon the three sides of a right triangle (on the same side of the hypotenuse), the sum of the two crescents thus formed is equal to the area of the triangle.

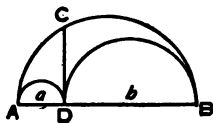


**Proof:**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Entire figure} = \frac{1}{2} \pi \overline{AB}^2 + \text{crescent } BDC + \text{crescent } AEC \text{ (?) } \\ \text{Entire figure} = \frac{1}{2} \pi \overline{AC}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \pi \overline{BC}^2 + \triangle ABC \text{ (?) } \end{array} \right.$

Now use Ax. 1; etc.

20. Show that the theorem of Ex. 19 is true in the case of a right triangle whose legs are 18 and 24.

21. If from any point in a semicircle a line is drawn perpendicular to the diameter and if semicircles are described on the two segments of the original diameter as diameters, the area of the surface bounded by these three semicircles equals the area of a circle whose diameter is the perpendicular first drawn.



**Proof:** Area =  $\frac{1}{2} \pi \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \pi \left( \frac{a}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \pi \left( \frac{b}{2} \right)^2 = \text{etc.}$

22. Show that the theorem of Ex. 21 is true in the case of a circle with diameter  $AB$  equal to 25 and  $AD$  equal to 5.

**23.** If the sides of a circumscribed regular polygon are tangent to the circle at the vertices of an inscribed regular polygon, each vertex of the outer lies on the prolongation of the apothems of the inner polygon, drawn perpendicular to the several sides.

**24.** The sum of the perpendiculars drawn from any point within a regular  $n$ -gon to the several sides is constant  $[= n \cdot \text{apothem}]$ .

**25.** The area of a circumscribed equilateral triangle is four times the area of the inscribed equilateral triangle.

**26.** If a point is taken dividing the diameter of a circle into two parts and circles are described upon these parts as diameters, the sum of the circumferences of these two circles equals the circumference of the original circle.

**27.** Show that the theorem of Ex. 26 is true in the case of a circle the segments of the diameter of which are 7 and 12.

**28.** The area of an inscribed regular octagon is equal to the product of the diameter by the side of the inscribed square.

**29.** If squares are described on the six sides of a regular hexagon (externally), the twelve exterior vertices of these squares are the vertices of a regular 12-gon.

**30.** If the alternate vertices of a regular hexagon are joined by drawing diagonals, another regular hexagon is formed. Also its area is one third of the original hexagon.

**31.** Show that the theorem of Ex. 18 is true in the case of two concentric circles whose radii are 34 and 16.

**32.** In the same or equal circles two sectors are to each other as their central angles.

**33.** If the diameter of a circle is 10 in. and a point is taken dividing the diameter into segments with lengths 4 in. and 6 in., and on these segments as diameters semicircles are described on opposite sides of the diameter, these arcs form a curved line which divides the original circle into two parts in the ratio of 2 : 3.

**34.** If the diameter of a circle is  $d$  and a point is taken dividing the diameter into segments with lengths  $a$  and  $d - a$ , and on these segments as diameters semicircles are described on opposite sides of the diameter, these arcs form a curved line which divides the original circle into two parts in the ratio of  $a : d - a$ .

## CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS

## PROPOSITION XII. PROBLEM

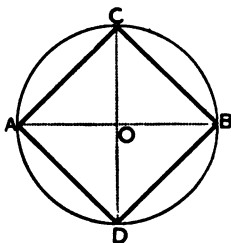
**440. To inscribe a square in a given circle.**

**Given:** The circle  $O$ .

**Required:** To inscribe a square.

**Construction:** Draw any diameter,  $AB$ , and another diameter,  $CD$ ,  $\perp$  to  $AB$ . Draw  $AC$ ,  $BC$ ,  $BD$ ,  $AD$ .

**Statement:**  $ACBD$  is an inscribed square. Q.E.F.



**Proof:** The central  $\angle$ s are all equal (42).

$\therefore$  arcs  $AC$ ,  $CB$ ,  $BD$ ,  $DA$  are equal (193).

$\therefore ACBD$  is an inscribed square (404). Q.E.D.

## PROPOSITION XIII. PROBLEM

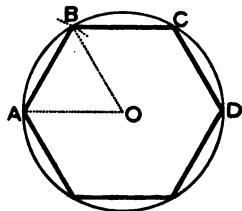
**441. To inscribe a regular hexagon in a given circle.**

**Given:** (?).

**Required:** (?).

**Construction:** Draw any radius,  $AO$ . At  $A$ , with radius = to  $AO$ , describe arc intersecting the given  $\odot$  at  $B$ . Draw  $AB$ .

**Statement:**  $AB$  is the side of an inscribed regular hexagon.



**Proof:** Draw  $BO$ .  $\triangle ABO$  is equilateral (Const.).

$\therefore \triangle ABO$  is equiangular (56).

$\therefore \angle AOB = 60^\circ$  (109).

That is, arc  $AB = \frac{1}{6}$  of the circumference; and if arc  $AB$  is used as a unit, it divides the circumference into 6 equal arcs. If the chords are drawn, an inscribed regular hexagon is formed (404).

Q.E.D.

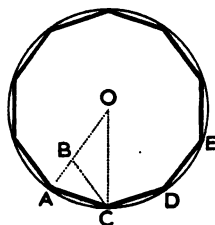
## PROPOSITION XIV. PROBLEM

**442. To inscribe a regular decagon in a given circle.**

**Given:** (?).

**Required:** (?).

**Construction:** Draw any radius  $AO$ . Divide it into mean and extreme ratio (by 349), having the larger segment next to the center. Taking  $A$  as a center and  $OB$  as a radius, draw an arc cutting  $\odot$  at  $C$ . Draw  $AC$ ,  $BC$ ,  $OC$ .



**Statement:**  $AC$  is a side of the inscribed regular decagon.

**Proof:**  $AO : BO = BO : AB$  (Const.).

Substituting,  $AO : AC = AC : AB$  (Ax. 6).

$\therefore \triangle ABC$  and  $AOC$  are similar (306).

$\therefore$  First,  $\angle ACB = \angle O$  (312).

Second,  $\triangle ABC$  is isosceles (similar to  $\triangle AOC$ ).

$\therefore AC = BC$  (24).

But  $AC = BO$  (Const.).

$\therefore BC = BO$  (Ax. 1).

$\therefore \angle BCO = \angle O$  (55).

Now  $\angle ACO = 2 \angle O$  (Ax. 4).

$\therefore \angle A = 2 \angle O$  (55).

And  $\angle O = 1 \angle O$

Adding, the  $\angle$  of  $\triangle ACO = 5 \angle O$  (Ax. 2).

$\therefore 5 \angle O = 180^\circ$  (104).

$\therefore \angle O = 36^\circ = \frac{1}{10}$  of  $360^\circ$  (Ax. 3).

$\therefore$  arc  $AC = \frac{1}{10}$  of the circumference (193).

That is, if arc  $AC$  is used as a unit it divides the circumference into ten equal arcs; and if the chords are drawn, an inscribed regular decagon is formed. (404).

Q.E.D.

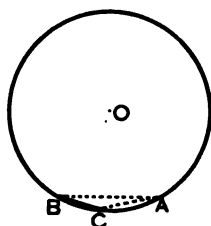
## PROPOSITION XV. PROBLEM

**443.** To inscribe a regular 15-gon (pentadecagon) in a given circle.

Given: (?). Required: (?).

**Construction:** Draw  $AB$ , the side of an inscribed hexagon, and  $AC$ , the side of an inscribed decagon. Draw  $BC$ .

**Statement:**  $BC$  is the side of an inscribed regular 15-gon. Q.E.F.



**Proof:** Arc  $BC = \text{arc } AB - \text{arc } AC$   
 $= \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{10}$  of circumference (Const.).  
 $= \frac{1}{15}$  of circumference.

That is, if arc  $BC$  is used as a unit, it divides the circumference into fifteen equal arcs; and if the chords are drawn, an inscribed regular pentadecagon is formed (404). Q.E.D.

**444.** To inscribe in a given circle:

- I. A regular 8-gon, a regular 16-gon, a regular 32-gon, etc.
- II. A regular 12-gon, 24-gon, etc.
- III. A regular 30-gon, 60-gon, etc.

**Construction:** I. Inscribe a square. (440.)

Bisect the arcs and draw the chords. **Proof:** (404).

II. Inscribe a regular hexagon, etc.

III. Inscribe a regular pentadecagon, etc.

**445.** To inscribe an equilateral triangle in a circle.

**Construction:** Join the alternate vertices of an inscribed regular hexagon. **Proof:** (?) (405).

**446.** To inscribe a regular pentagon in a given circle.

**447.** To circumscribe a regular polygon about a circle.

**Construction:** Inscribe a polygon having the same number of sides. At the several vertices draw tangents.

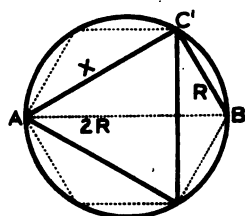
**Statement:** (?). **Proof:** (?) (406).



## FORMULAS

448. Sides of inscribed polygons.

1. The side of inscribed equilateral triangle  $= R\sqrt{3}$ .



**Proof:**  $\angle ACB$  is a rt.  $\angle$  (240).

$$AB = 2R \quad (189).$$

$$BC = R \quad (441).$$

$$x^2 = (2R)^2 - R^2 \quad (335).$$

$$x = R\sqrt{3}. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

2. The side of an inscribed square  $= R\sqrt{2}$ .

**Proof:** In fig. of 440

$$AO = OC = R$$

$$\overline{AC}^2 = R^2 + R^2 \quad (334).$$

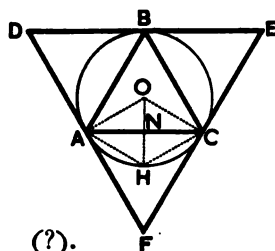
$$\therefore AC = R\sqrt{2}. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

3. The side of an inscribed regular hexagon  $= R$  (441).

4. The side of an inscribed regular decagon  $= \frac{1}{2} R (\sqrt{5} - 1)$   
(352; 442).

449. Sides of circumscribed polygons.

1. The side of a circumscribed equilateral  $\triangle = 2R\sqrt{3}$ .



**Proof:**  $\angle DAB = \angle DBA = \angle D = 60^\circ$  (?)

$\therefore \triangle ABD$  is equilateral.

$$AD = AB = R\sqrt{3} \quad (448).$$

$$\therefore DF = 2R\sqrt{3}. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

2. The side of a circumscribed square  $= 2R$  (?)

3. The side of a circumscribed regular hexagon =  $\frac{2}{3} R\sqrt{3}$ .

**Proof:** This side = a side of an equilateral  $\Delta$  with altitude

$R$ . Let  $x$  = this side.

$$\therefore x^2 - (\frac{1}{2}x)^2 = R^2 (?) \quad \therefore x = \frac{2}{3} R\sqrt{3}.$$

450. In an equilateral triangle, apothem =  $\frac{1}{2} R$ .

**Proof:** Fig. of 449. Bisect arc  $AC$  at  $H$ .

Draw  $OA, OC, AH$  and  $CH$ .

Figure

$AOCH$  is a rhombus

(448, 3).

$$\therefore ON = \frac{1}{2} OH = \frac{1}{2} R$$

(135).

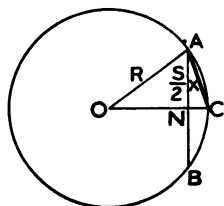
Q.E.D.

### PROPOSITION XVI. PROBLEM

451. In a circle whose radius is  $R$  is inscribed a regular polygon whose side is  $s$ ; to find the formula for the side of an inscribed regular polygon having double the number of sides.

**Given:**  $AB = s$ , a side of an inscribed regular polygon in  $\odot$  whose radius is  $R$ ;  $C$ , the midpoint of arc  $AB$ ; chord  $AC$ .

**Required:** To find the value of  $AC$ , the side of a regular polygon having double the number of sides and inscribed in the same circle.



**Construction:** Draw radii  $OA$  and  $OC$ .

**Computation:**  $OC$  bisects  $AB$  at right  $\angle$  (83).

In rt.  $\Delta AON$ ,  $O$  is an acute  $\angle$ . Hence in  $\Delta AOC$ ,

$$\overline{AC}^2 = \overline{OA}^2 + \overline{OC}^2 - 2 \cdot OC \cdot ON \quad (337).$$

But  $AO = OC = R$  (187).

And  $ON = \sqrt{R^2 - (\frac{1}{2}s)^2} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4R^2 - s^2}$  (335).

Substituting,  $\overline{AC}^2 = 2R^2 - 2R \cdot \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4R^2 - s^2}$  (Ax. 6).

$$\therefore AC = \sqrt{2R^2 - R\sqrt{4R^2 - s^2}}. \quad \text{Q.E.F.}$$

452. **FORMULA.** If  $R = 1$ , and given side =  $s$ , the side of a regular polygon having twice as many sides =  $\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{4 - s^2}}$ .

## PROPOSITION XVII. PROBLEM

**453. To find the approximate numerical value of  $\pi$ .**

**Given:** A circle whose diameter =  $D$ ; circumference =  $C$ .

**Required:** The value of  $\pi$ , that is  $\frac{C}{D}$ .

**Method:** 1. We may select a  $\odot$  of *any* diameter. (426.)

2. We can compute the side and the perimeter of some inscribed regular polygon. (448.)

3. We can compute the side and perimeter of another inscribed regular polygon having double the number of sides. (451.)

4. We can now compute the side and perimeter of a third inscribed regular polygon, having still double the number of sides. (451.)

5. By continuing this process until the consecutive perimeters differ very slightly, we can find the approximate value of the circumference.

6. Thus, knowing both  $C$  and  $D$ , we know  $\frac{C}{D}$  or  $\pi$ .

**Computation:** 1. For simplicity, take  $D = 2$ , and  $R = 1$ .

2. We will select the regular hexagon as the first polygon.

$$\therefore s_6 = 1, \text{ and } P_6 = 6.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \therefore s_{12} &= \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{4 - s_6^2}} = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}} = .5176381 \quad (452). \\ \text{and } P_{12} &= 6.2116572. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \text{ Hence } s_{24} &= \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{4 - s_{12}^2}} = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{4 - (.5176381)^2}} \\ &= .2610524. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also } P_{24} = 6.2652576.$$

5. By continuing,  $s_{3072} = .002045$ .

$$\text{Also } P_{3072} = 6.283184.$$

6. It now appears that, approximately,  $C = 6.283184$ .

$$\text{Hence } \pi = \frac{6.283184}{2} = 3.141592^+. \quad \text{Q. E. F.}$$

This calculation is tabulated for reference.

$s_6 = 1,$	$\therefore P_6 = 6.$	$s_{192} = 0.032723,$	$\therefore P_{192} = 6.282904.$
$s_{12} = 0.517638,$	$\therefore P_{12} = 6.211657.$	$s_{384} = 0.016362,$	$\therefore P_{384} = 6.283115.$
$s_{24} = 0.261052,$	$\therefore P_{24} = 6.265257.$	$s_{768} = 0.008181,$	$\therefore P_{768} = 6.283169.$
$s_{48} = 0.130806,$	$\therefore P_{48} = 6.278700.$	$s_{1536} = 0.004091,$	$\therefore P_{1536} = 6.283180.$
$s_{96} = 0.065438,$	$\therefore P_{96} = 6.282058.$	$s_{3072} = 0.002045,$	$\therefore P_{3072} = 6.283184.$

### ORIGINAL EXERCISES (NUMERICAL)

#### MENSURATION OF REGULAR POLYGONS AND THE CIRCLE

- Find the angle and the central angle of :  
(i) a regular pentagon ; (ii) a regular octagon ; (iii) a regular dodecagon ; (iv) a regular 20-gon.
- Find the area of a regular hexagon whose side is 8.
- Find the area of a regular hexagon whose apothem is 4.
- In a circle whose radius is 10 are inscribed an equilateral triangle, a square, and a regular hexagon. Find the perimeter, the apothem, and the area of each.
- About a circle whose radius is 10 are circumscribed an equilateral triangle, a square, and a regular hexagon. Find the perimeter and the area of each.
- Find the circumference and the area of a circle whose radius is 5 inches. [Use  $\pi = 3\frac{1}{2}$ .]
- Find the circumference and the area of a circle whose diameter is 42 centimeters.
- The radius of a certain circle is 9 meters. What is the radius of a second circle whose circumference is twice as long as the first? of a third circle whose area is twice as great as the first?
- If the circumference of a circle is 55 yards, what is its diameter?
- If the area of a circle is  $113\frac{1}{2}$  square meters, what is its radius?
- In a circle whose radius is 35 there is a sector whose angle is  $40^\circ$ . Find the length of the arc and the area of the sector.
- The area of a circle is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  times the area of another. If the radius of the smaller circle is 12, what is the radius of the larger circle?
- If the angle of a sector is  $72^\circ$  and its arc is 44 inches, what is the radius of the circle? What is the area of the sector?
- In a circle whose radius is 7 find the area of the segment whose central angle is  $120^\circ$ . [Required area =  $\frac{1}{2}$  (area of  $\odot$  - area eq.  $\triangle$ ).]

15. If the radius of a circle is 4 feet, what is the area of a segment whose arc is  $60^\circ$ ? of a segment whose arc is a quadrant?

16. Find the area of a circle inscribed in a square whose area is 75.

17. Find the area of an equilateral triangle inscribed in a circle whose area is  $441\pi$  square meters.

18. If the length of a quadrant is 8 inches, what is the radius?

19. Find the length of an arc subtended by the side of an inscribed regular 15-gon if the radius is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

20. The side of an equilateral triangle is 10. Find the areas of its inscribed and circumscribed circles.

21. Find the perimeter and the area of a segment whose chord is the side of an inscribed regular hexagon, if the radius of a circle is  $5\frac{1}{2}$ .

22. A circular lake 9 rods in diameter is surrounded by a walk  $\frac{1}{2}$  rod wide. What is the area of the walk?

23. A locomotive driving wheel is 7 feet in diameter. How many revolutions will it make in running a mile?

24. What is the number of degrees in the central angle whose arc is as long as the radius?

25. Find the side of the square equal to a circle whose diameter is 4.2 meters.

26. Find the radius of that circle equal to a square whose side is 5.5 inches.

27. Find the radius of the circle which divides a given circle whose radius is  $10\frac{1}{2}$  into two equal parts.

28. Three equal circles are each tangent to the other two and the diameter of each is 40 feet. Find the area between these circles.

[Required area = area of an eq.  $\Delta$  minus area of three sectors.]

29. Find the area of the three segments of a circle whose radius is  $5\sqrt{3}$ , formed by the sides of the inscribed equilateral triangle.

30. If a cistern can be emptied in 5 hours by a 2-inch pipe, how long will be required to empty it by a 1-inch pipe?

31. Find the side, the apothem, and the area of a regular decagon inscribed in a circle whose radius is 6 feet.

32. What is the area of the circle circumscribed about an equilateral triangle whose area is  $48\sqrt{3}$ ?

33. The circumferences of two concentric circles are 40 inches and 50 inches. Find the area of the circular ring between them.

34. A circle has an area of 80 square feet. Find the length of an arc of  $80^\circ$ .

35. Find the angle of a sector whose perimeter equals the circumference.

36. Find the angle of a sector whose area is equal to the square of the radius.

37. Find the area of a regular octagon inscribed in a circle whose radius is 20.

[Inscribe square, then octagon. Draw radii of octagon. Find area of one isosceles  $\Delta$  formed, whose altitude is half the side of the square.]

38. A rectangle whose length is double its width, a square, an equilateral triangle, and a circle all have the same perimeter, namely, 132 meters. Which has the greatest area? the least?

39. Through a point without a circle whose radius is 35 inches two tangents are drawn, forming an angle of  $60^\circ$ . Find the perimeter and the area of the figure bounded by the tangents and their smaller intercepted arc.

40. In a circle whose radius is 12 are two parallel chords which subtend arcs of  $60^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  respectively. Find the perimeter and the area of the figure bounded by these chords and their intercepted arcs.

41. A quarter mile race track is to be laid out, having parallel sides but semicircular ends with radius 105 feet. Find the length of the parallel sides.

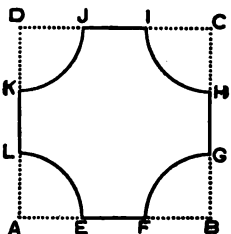
42. If the diameter of the earth is 7920 miles, how far at sea can the light from a lighthouse 150 feet high be seen?

43. The diameter of a circle is 18 inches. Find the area of the figure between this circle and the circumscribed equilateral triangle.

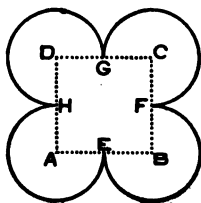
44. How far does the end of the minute hand of a clock move in 20 minutes, if the hand is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches long?

45. The diameter of a circle is 16 inches. What is the area of that portion of the circle outside the inscribed regular hexagon?

46. Using the vertices of a square whose side is 12, as centers, and radii equal to 4, four quadrants are described within the square. Find the perimeter and the area of the figure thus formed.



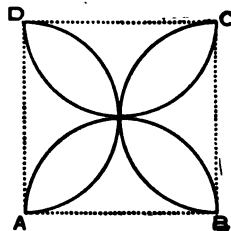
47. Using the four vertices of a square whose side is 12 as centers, and radii equal to 6, four arcs are described without the square (see figure). Find the perimeter and the area of the figure bounded by these four arcs.



48. Using the vertices of an equilateral triangle whose side is 16 as centers and radii equal to 8, three arcs are described within the triangle. Find the perimeter and the area of the figure bounded by these arcs. Do the same if the three arcs are described *without* the triangle.

49. Using the vertices of a regular hexagon, whose side is 20, as centers and radii equal to 10, six arcs are described within the hexagon. Find the perimeter and the area of the figure bounded by these arcs. Do the same if the six arcs are described *without* the hexagon.

50. If semicircles are described within a square, with side 8 inches, upon the four sides as diameters, find the areas of the four lobes bounded by the eight quadrants. Find the area of any one.



In the following exercises let  $n$  = number of sides of the regular polygon;  $s$  = length of side;  $r$  = apothem;  $R$  = radius;  $K$  = area.

51. If  $n = 3$ , show that  $s = R\sqrt{3}$ ;  $r = \frac{1}{2}R$ ;  $K = \frac{3R^2\sqrt{3}}{4} = 3r^2\sqrt{3}$ .

52. If  $n = 4$ , show that  $s = R\sqrt{2} = 2r$ ;  $K = 2R^2 = 4r^2$ .

53. If  $n = 6$ , show that  $s = R = \frac{2r\sqrt{3}}{3}$ ;  $K = \frac{3R^2\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3s^2\sqrt{3}}{2} = 2r^2\sqrt{3}$ .

54. If  $n = 8$ , show that  $s = R\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}} = 2r(\sqrt{2}-1)$ ;  $r = \frac{R}{2}\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}$ ;

$$R = \sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}; K = 2R^2\sqrt{2} = 8r^2(\sqrt{2}-1).$$

55. If  $n = 10$ , show that  $s = \frac{R}{2}(\sqrt{5}-1)$ ;  $r = \frac{R}{4}\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}$ .

56. If  $n = 5$ , show that  $s = \frac{R}{2}\sqrt{10-2\sqrt{5}}$ ;  $r = \frac{R}{4}(\sqrt{5}+1)$ .

57. If  $n = 12$ , show that  $s = R\sqrt{2-\sqrt{3}} = 2r(2-\sqrt{3})$ ;

$$R = 2r\sqrt{2-\sqrt{3}}; r = \frac{R}{2}\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}; K = 12r^2(2-\sqrt{3}) = 3R^2.$$

58. The apothem of a regular hexagon is  $18\sqrt{3}$  inches. Find its side and area. Find the area of the circle circumscribed about it.

59. What is the radius of a circle whose area is doubled by increasing the radius 10 feet?

60. If an 8-inch pipe will fill a cistern in 3 hours 20 minutes, how long will it require a 2-inch pipe to fill it?

61. The radius of a circle is 12 meters. Find:

- (a) The area of the inscribed square.
- (b) The area of the inscribed equilateral triangle.
- (c) The area of the inscribed regular hexagon.
- (d) The area of the inscribed regular dodecagon.
- (e) The area of the circumscribed square.
- (f) The area of the circumscribed equilateral triangle.
- (g) The area of the circumscribed regular hexagon.
- (h) The area of the circumscribed regular dodecagon.

62. The radius of a circle is 18. Find:

- (a) The side and the apothem of the inscribed square.
- (b) The side and the apothem of the inscribed equilateral triangle.
- (c) The side and the apothem of the inscribed regular hexagon.
- (d) The area of the inscribed square.
- (e) The area of the inscribed equilateral triangle.
- (f) The area of the inscribed regular hexagon.
- (g) The area of the inscribed regular octagon.
- (h) The area of the circumscribed regular hexagon.

63. Prove that the area of an inscribed regular hexagon is a mean proportional between the areas of the inscribed and the circumscribed equilateral triangles. [Find the three areas in terms of  $R$ .]

64.  $AB$  is one side of an inscribed equilateral triangle, and  $C$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ . If  $AB$  is prolonged to  $O$  making  $BO$  equal to  $BC$ , and  $OT$  is drawn tangent to the circle at  $T$ ,  $OT$  is  $\frac{2}{3}$  the radius.

65. A square, an equilateral triangle, a regular hexagon, and a circle all have the same area, namely 5544 sq. ft. Which figure has the least perimeter? the greatest?

66. A square, an equilateral triangle, a regular hexagon, and a circle all have the same perimeter, namely 396 in. Find their areas and compare them.

67. The circumferences of two concentric circles are 330 and 440 in. respectively. Find the radius of another circle equivalent to the ring between these two circles.

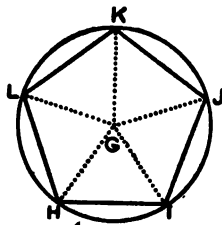
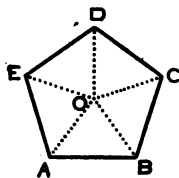


## ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTIONS

It is required :

1. To circumscribe a regular hexagon about a given circle.
2. To circumscribe an equilateral triangle about a given circle.
3. To circumscribe a regular decagon about a given circle ; a regular 16-gon ; a regular 24-gon ; a square.
4. To construct an angle of  $36^\circ$  ; of  $18^\circ$  ; of  $72^\circ$  ; of  $24^\circ$  ; of  $6^\circ$  ; of  $48^\circ$  ; of  $96^\circ$ .
5. To construct a regular hexagon upon a given line as a side.
6. To construct a regular decagon upon a given line as a side.
7. To construct a regular octagon upon a given line as a side.
8. To construct a regular pentagon upon a given line as a side.
9. To construct a square with double the area of a given square.
10. To inscribe in a given circle a regular polygon similar to a given regular polygon.

**Construction :** From the center of the polygon draw radii. At the center of the circle construct  $\angle$  = to these central  $\angle$  of the polygon. Draw chords. Etc.



11. To construct a regular pentagon which shall have double the area of a given regular pentagon.
12. To construct a circumference equal to the sum of two given circumferences.
13. To construct a circumference which shall be three times a given circumference.
14. To construct a circumference equal to the difference of two given circumferences.
15. To construct a circle whose area shall be five times a given circle.
16. To construct a circle equal to the sum of two given circles ; another, equal to their difference.
17. To construct a circle whose area shall be half a given circle.
18. To bisect the area of a given circle by a concentric circle.
19. To divide a given circumference into two parts which shall be in the ratio of 3 : 7 ; into two other parts which shall be in the ratio of 5 : 7 ; into still two other parts, in the ratio of 8 : 7.

## MAXIMA AND MINIMA

**454.** Of geometrical magnitudes that satisfy a given condition (or given conditions) the greatest is called the **maximum**, and the least, the **minimum**.

Thus, of all chords that can be drawn through a given point within a circle, the diameter is the maximum, and the chord perpendicular to the diameter at the point is the minimum.

**Isoperimetric figures** are figures having equal perimeters.

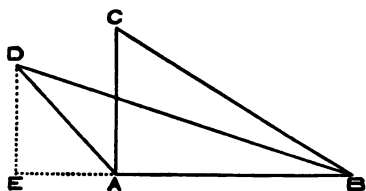
## PROPOSITION XVIII. THEOREM

**455.** Of all triangles having two given sides, that in which these sides form a right angle is the maximum.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ABD$  having  $AB$  common, and  $AC = AD$ ;  $\angle CAB$  a rt.  $\angle$  and  $\angle DAB$  not a right  $\angle$ .

**To Prove:**  $\triangle ABC > \triangle ABD$ .

**Proof:** Draw altitude  $DE$ .



Now  $AD > DE$  (87).

$\therefore AC > DE$  (Ax. 6).

Multiply each member by  $\frac{1}{2} AB$ .

Then  $\frac{1}{2} AB \cdot AC > \frac{1}{2} AB \cdot DE$  (Ax. 10).

Now  $\frac{1}{2} AB \cdot AC = \text{area } \triangle ABC$  (364),

And  $\frac{1}{2} AB \cdot DE = \text{area } \triangle ABD$  (?).

Therefore  $\triangle ABC > \triangle ABD$  (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

This theorem may be stated thus: *Of all triangles having two given sides, that triangle whose third side is the diameter of the circle which circumscribes it is the maximum.*

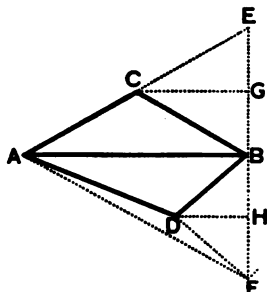
**456. COROLLARY.** Of all  $n$ -gons having  $n - 1$  sides given, that polygon whose  $n$ th side is the diameter of a circle which circumscribes the polygon is the maximum.

## PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM

457. Of all isoperimetric triangles having the same base, the isosceles triangle is the maximum.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ABD$  isoperimetric, having the same base,  $AB$ , and  $\triangle ABC$  isosceles.

**To Prove:**  $\triangle ABC > \triangle ABD$ .



**Proof:** Prolong  $AC$  to  $E$ , making  $CE = AC$ , and draw  $BE$ . Using  $D$  as a center and  $BD$  as a radius, describe an arc cutting  $EB$  prolonged, at  $F$ . Draw  $CG$  and  $DH \parallel$  to  $AB$ , meeting  $EF$  at  $G$  and  $H$  respectively. Draw  $AF$ .

With  $C$  as a center and  $AC$ ,  $BC$  or  $EC$  as a radius, the  $\odot$  described will pass through  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $E$  (Hyp. and Const.).

$$\therefore \angle ABE = \text{rt. } \angle \quad (240).$$

That is,  $AB$  is  $\perp$  to  $EF$ .

Hence  $CG$  and  $DH$  are  $\perp$  to  $EF$  (64).

$$AC + CE = AC + CB = AD + DB = AD + DF$$

(Hyp. and Const.).

That is,  $AE = AD + DF$  (Ax. 1).

But  $AD + DF > AF$  (Ax. 12).

$$\therefore AE > AF \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

$$\therefore BE > BF \quad (88, \text{IV}).$$

And  $\frac{1}{2} BE > \frac{1}{2} BF$  (Ax. 10).

Now  $BG = \frac{1}{2} BE$ , and  $BH = \frac{1}{2} BF$  (85).

$$\therefore BG > BH \quad (\text{Ax. 6}).$$

Mult. by  $\frac{1}{2} AB$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} AB \cdot BG > \frac{1}{2} AB \cdot BH$  (Ax. 10).

But  $\frac{1}{2} AB \cdot BG = \text{area } \triangle ABC$  (364).

And  $\frac{1}{2} AB \cdot BH = \text{area } \triangle ABD$  (?).

Substituting,  $\triangle ABC > \triangle ABD$  (Ax. 6).

Q.E.D.

**458. COROLLARY.** Of isoperimetric triangles the equilateral triangle is the maximum.

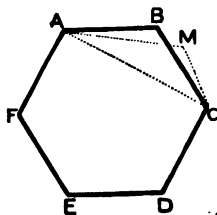
[Any side may be considered the base.]

PROPOSITION XX. THEOREM

**459.** Of isoperimetric polygons having the same number of sides the maximum is equilateral.

**Given:** Polygon  $AD$ , the maximum of all polygons having the same perimeter and the same number of sides.

**To Prove:**  $AB = BC = CD = DE = \text{etc.}$



**Proof:** Draw  $AC$  and suppose  $AB$  not  $=$  to  $BC$ .

On  $AC$  as base, construct  $\triangle ACM$  isoperimetric with  $\triangle ABC$  and *isosceles*; that is, make  $AM = CM$ .

Then  $\triangle ACM > \triangle ABC$  (457).

Add to each member, the polygon  $ACDEF$ .

$\therefore$  polygon  $AMCDEF >$  polygon  $AD$  (Ax. 7).

But the polygon  $AD$  is maximum (Hyp.).

$\therefore AB$  cannot be unequal to  $BC$  as we supposed (because that results in an impossible conclusion).

Hence  $AB = BC$ . Likewise it is proved that  $BC = CD = \text{etc.}$

Q. E. D.

**460. COROLLARY.** Of isoperimetric polygons having the same number of sides the regular polygon is maximum.

**Proof:** Only one such polygon is maximum, and the maximum is equilateral. (459.)

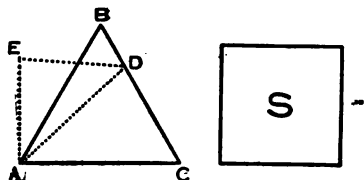
It can also be inscribed in a circle and is therefore regular. (403.)

## PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM

**461. Of isoperimetric regular polygons, the polygon having the greatest number of sides is maximum.**

**Given:** Equilateral  $\triangle ABC$  and square  $S$ , having the same perimeter.

**To Prove:** Square  $S > \triangle ABC$



**Proof:** Take  $D$ , any point in  $BC$ , and draw  $AD$ . On  $AD$  as base, construct isosceles  $\triangle ADE$ , isoperimetric with  $\triangle ABD$ .

Now  $\triangle AED > \triangle ABD$  (457).

Adding  $\triangle ADC$  to each member,  $\triangle AEDC > \triangle ABC$  (Ax. 7).

$\triangle AEDC$  is isoperimetric with  $\triangle ABC$  and  $S$  (Hyp. and Const.).

Hence  $S > \triangle AEDC$  (460).

$\therefore S > \triangle ABC$  (Ax. 11).

Similarly, we may prove that an isoperimetric regular pentagon is greater than  $S$ ; and an isoperimetric regular hexagon is greater than this pentagon, etc.

Therefore the regular polygon having the greatest number of sides is maximum. Q.E.D.

**462. COROLLARY. Of all isoperimetric plane figures the circle is the maximum.**

**Ex. 1.** Of isoperimetric triangles, the maximum is equilateral.

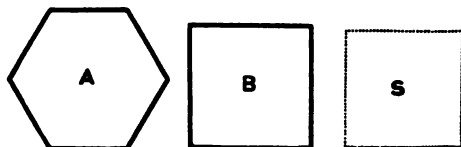
**Ex. 2.** Of all right triangles that can be constructed upon a given hypotenuse, which is maximum? Why?

**Ex. 3.** Of all triangles having a given base and a given vertex angle, the isosceles is the maximum.

**Ex. 4.** Of all mutually equilateral polygons, that which can be inscribed in a circle is the maximum.

## PROPOSITION XXII. THEOREM

**463.** Of equal regular polygons the perimeter of the polygon having the greatest number of sides is the minimum.



**Given:** Any two equal regular polygons,  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A$  having the greater number of sides.

**To Prove:** the perimeter of  $A <$  the perimeter of  $B$ .

**Proof:** Construct regular polygon  $S$ , similar to  $B$  and isoperimetric with  $A$ .

Then  $A > S$  (460).

But  $A = B$  (Hyp.).

$\therefore B > S$  (Ax. 6).

Hence the perimeter of  $B >$  perimeter of  $S$  (376).

But the perimeter of  $S =$  perimeter of  $A$  (Const.).

$\therefore$  perimeter of  $B >$  perimeter of  $A$  (Ax. 6).

That is, the perimeter of  $A <$  the perimeter of  $B$ . Q.E.D.

**464. COROLLARY.** Of all equal plane figures the circle has the minimum perimeter.

**Historical Note.** René Descartes was born near Tours, France, in 1596. He was a man of wonderful intellect. He simplified and generalized the notation of algebra and introduced the use of exponents as now employed. The restriction of final letters of the alphabet to represent unknown quantities is also due to him.

Descartes was the first to adapt algebra to geometry, showing that geometrical figures can be represented by algebraic equations. On this general truth he based the development of analytical geometry which is known by his own name, as *Cartesian* geometry. He gave a large part of his life to original and creative work in mathematics, philosophy, physics and astronomy.



DESCARTES

## ORIGINAL EXERCISES

1. Of all equal parallelograms having equal bases, the rectangle has the minimum perimeter.

2. Of all lines drawn between two given parallels (terminating both ways in the parallels), which is the minimum? Prove.

3. Of all straight lines that can be drawn on the ceiling of a room 12 feet long and 9 feet wide, what is the length of the maximum?

4. Find the areas of an equilateral triangle, a square, a regular hexagon, and a circle, the perimeter of each being 264 inches. Which is maximum? What theorem does this exercise illustrate?

5. Find the perimeters of an equilateral triangle, a square, a regular hexagon, and a circle, if the area of each is 1386 square feet. Which perimeter is the minimum? What theorem does this exercise illustrate?

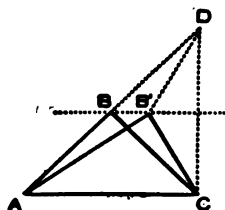
6. Of isoperimetric rectangles which is maximum?

7. Divide a given line into two parts such that their product (rectangle) is maximum.

8. Of all equal triangles having the same base, the isosceles triangle has the minimum perimeter.

To Prove: The perimeter of  $\triangle ABC <$  the perimeter of  $\triangle AB'C$ .

Proof:  $AD < AB' + B'D$ ; etc.



9. Of all rectangles inscribed in a circle, which is maximum? Prove.

10. Of all rectangles inscribed in a semicircle, which is maximum? Prove.

11. Of all equal rectangles, the square has the minimum perimeter.

12. Of all triangles having a given base and a given vertex angle, the isosceles triangle has the maximum area.

13. Of all triangles having a given altitude and a given vertex angle, the isosceles triangle is the minimum.

14. Of all triangles that can be inscribed in a given circle, the equilateral triangle has the maximum area.

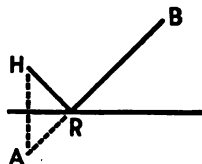
15. The cross section of a bee's cell is a regular hexagon. Would this be the most economical for the bee (that is, would he use the least wax) if one cell in a hive were all he were to fill? Considering also the adjoining cells, does the form of the regular hexagon require the least wax? Explain. Does it also permit the storing of the most honey? Why?

16. Prove, by the method employed in 461, that a regular hexagon is greater than an isoperimetric square.

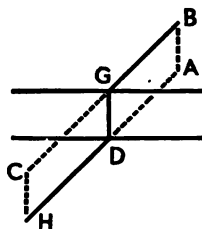
17. Answer the questions of exercise 65 on page 252, without any computation. Give reasons.

18. Compare the areas of the figures mentioned in Ex. 66, page 252, without performing any computation.

19. A farmer's house and barn are near a river. He wishes to lay from the house to the barn, the shortest possible path which shall reach to the water's edge. Draw a plan of the situation and the desired path and prove it the minimum.



20. A farmer's house and barn are on opposite sides of a straight stream. He wishes to lay a road from one to the other, and erect a bridge across the stream at right angles to the banks, by constructing the shortest possible track. Draw a plan of the situation and the desired road, and prove it the minimum.



21. A man has material to build 1000 yards of fence. With this he desires to inclose the largest possible yard for his poultry. What will be the shape and the area of his yard?



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